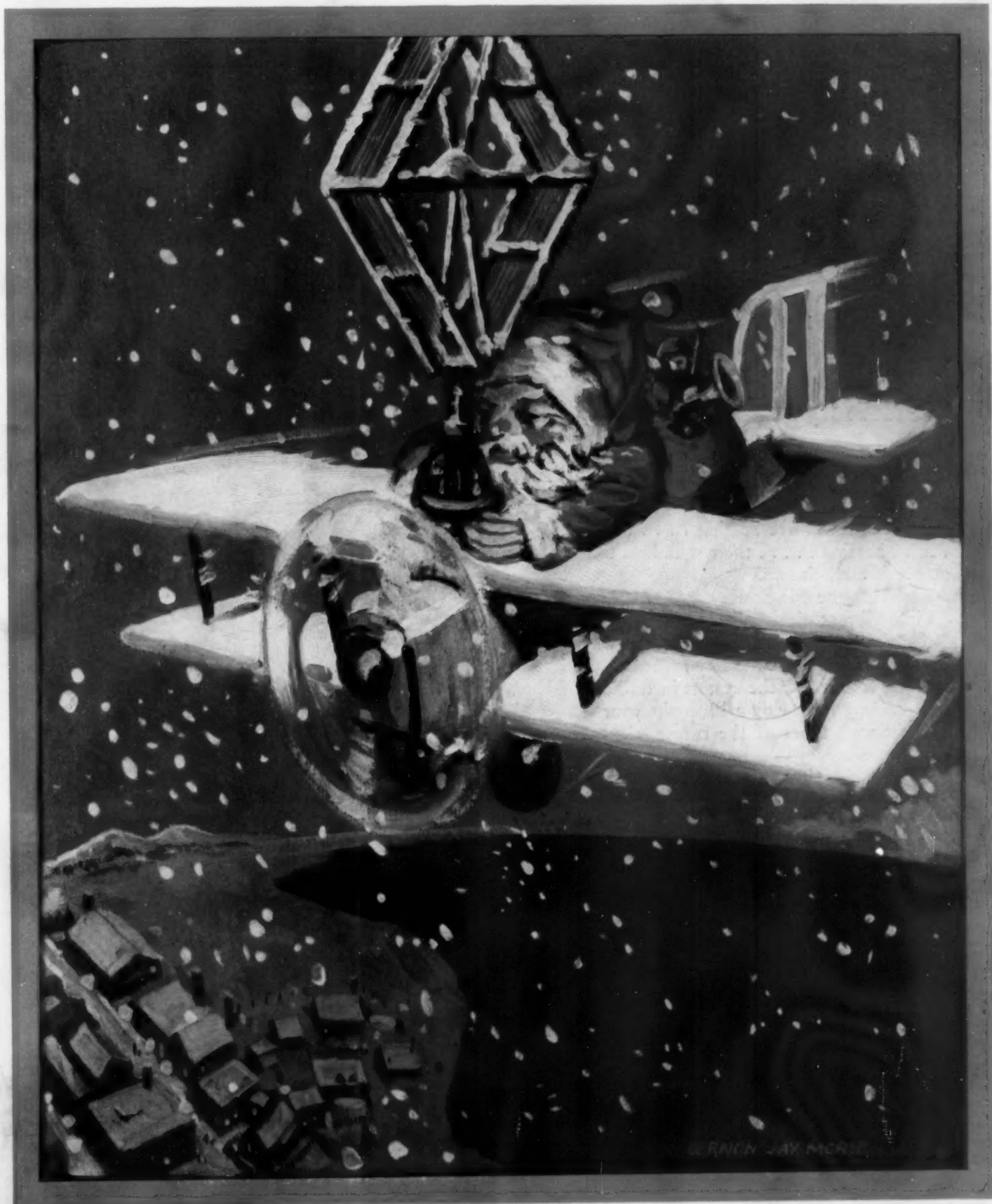


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Due to the splendid success of thousands of constructors in building the 45,000-cycle super-heterodyne as described by G. M. Best in May RADIO, and due to the demand for more complete instructions for building the improved set, Mr. Best has completely revised his description, incorporating in it not only the best of the improvements submitted during the past six months, but also some new modifications of his own. The article will be accompanied by full-size panel and baseboard layouts that can be used directly as drilling templates. The Best super has been the radio sensation of 1924, providing great range and selectivity at moderate cost. This final constructional article should prove invaluable to all readers.

L. R. Felder proves simply yet thoroughly the superiority of the reactance coupled amplifier, developing many worth while facts in the course of his argument.

In "Round's Round Ground," Ferd Humphries describes the construction of a common-sense ground with low resistance so as to improve reception.

To improve the selectivity of a single circuit receiver Harry A. Nickerson shows some very simple changes that can be put in by anyone.

Mickey Doran continues his letters of a deep sea op. by illustrating a system whereby one aerial will give simultaneous reception on different wave lengths.

H. Diamond details a complete series of tests for a regenerative receiver.

In "Some Novel Ideas in Receiver Construction," E. E. Griffin presents complete data for a four-tube non-radiating receiver, combining portability, stability and selectivity at a cost of less than eighty dollars, including all accessories.

A new energy coupling system that fully meets the requirements of the recommendations of the Radio Conference is described by D. B. McGown, who shows its application to the Hartley, Meissner and reversed feedback circuits. It covers the range from 50 to 150 meters.

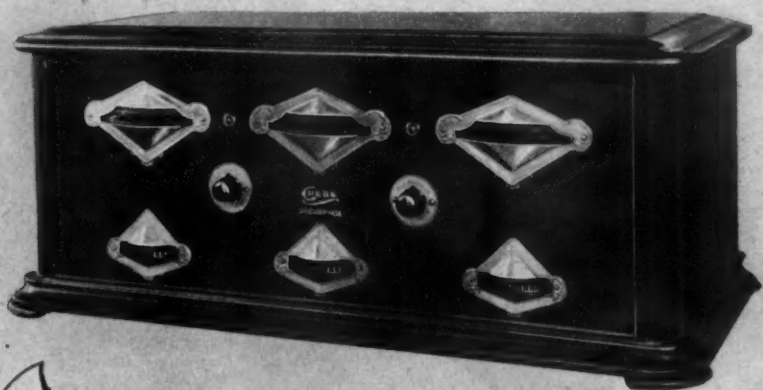
F. Dawson Bliley, 8XC, gives some improvements in the harmonic transmitter, getting down to the 10 to 80-meter wave bands.

F. L. Ulrich, in answer to many letters, tells of improvements and details in the construction of his interference eliminator, first described in May, 1924, RADIO.

L. W. Hatry finds that a C battery increases the output of his Hartley circuit and passes the details on for the benefit of his fellow amateurs.

The fiction feature is a humorous radio story entitled "The Jonah of Jasmine Bjones," by George Sumner Albee.





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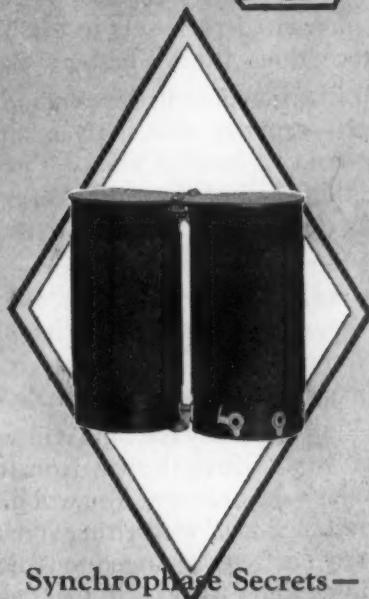
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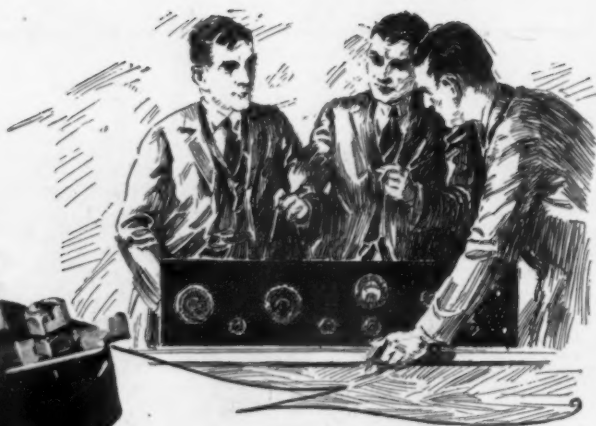
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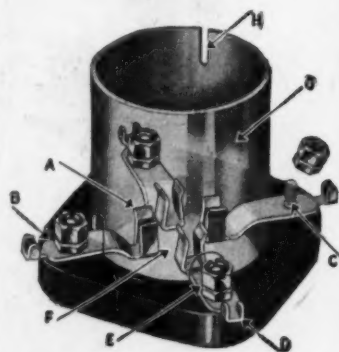
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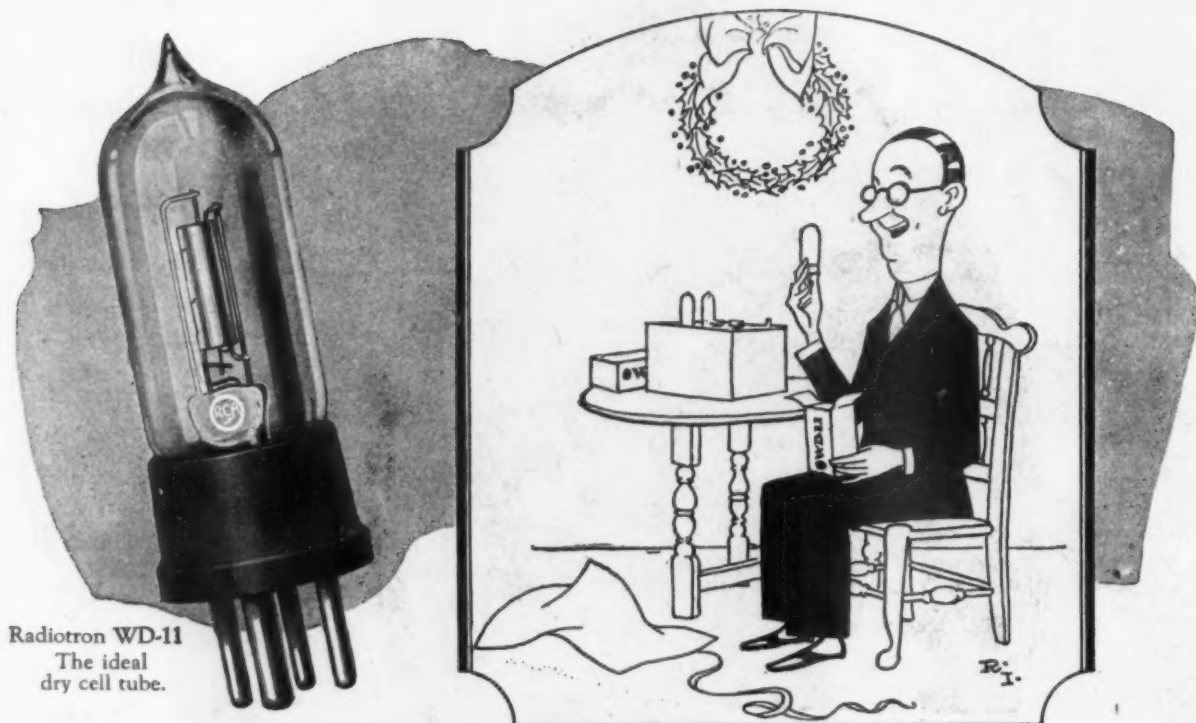
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## *Radiatorial Comment*

THE Third Radio Conference has passed into history after accomplishing a constructive piece of work in untangling most of the knots in the complex maze of questions presented for its consideration. Many conflicting interests were there represented, each wanting something, and, strange to say, each got what it wanted. This was not done by any feat of legerdemain but by a generous spirit of compromise and by the patient application of common sense in solving the problems.

The radiocast stations were given exclusive use of the 950 kilocycle wave band between 200 and 545 meters. Stations were given a more logical classification in accordance with their power and the character of their programs. A new zoning plan was put in effect so that each of the class 1 stations has an exclusive wave length, except those along the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts where the allocations will be duplicated. This gives 63 channels of communication, and by a possible division of time will care for 126 stations of this class.

Every precaution was taken to mitigate interference with radiocast reception. U. S. ships are to entirely discontinue the use of the 300 and 450 meter wave length and 600 meters is to be used only for calling and for the S O S. Thorough co-operation was assured by representatives of electric power, railway and telephone companies in correcting faults in their systems which may annoy radio listeners. Stress was laid upon the necessity for careful manipulation of radiating receivers and the more general use of non-radiating types was urged. A gradual reduction in the broadness of undamped waves from ship and point-to-point spark stations was recommended, as was also a strenuous effort to eliminate harmonics from arc and tube sets.

The "most contentious" subject discussed was the granting of permission to use greater power in radiocasting. One self-styled "friend of the peepul" exposed to ridicule and unfriendly criticism the research and development work of "the four horsemen," as he dubbed the corporations who have done much to make radio possible today. The organized newspaper interests bitterly opposed any further extension of radio service to the public that might ensue from increased power. But as the facts regarding the advantages of 5 kw. radiophone transmitters were gradually developed a more amicable spirit prevailed and the question was settled by compromise.

Discussion as to preferable types of programs elicited the fact that no standard should be set for individual stations and that the main requirement is for variety. There was a decided difference of opinion regarding the public's attitude toward toll radiocasting or "radiotising," with a general sentiment that definite announcement should be made when a program is paid for by an advertiser. This is apparently the most practical method yet devised for compensating artists, as several attempts to secure voluntary contributions from listeners have failed. It was agreed that there should be no governmental censorship of programs.

After a brief consideration of the relative advantages of line and of space radio for the interconnection of stations it became evident that both wire telephony and the re-broadcasting of short wave radio transmission offer a practical solution of the problem. The main deterrents to immediate adoption is the high cost and the question of whether the stations are sufficiently desirous of the service to pay for it. Secretary Hoover suggested that an association might be formed to function for the radiocasters much as the Associated Press functions for the newspapers. A continuing committee was appointed to work out ways and means.

The amateur spark gave up the ghost without a struggle, its passing being noted only by the fact that no provision was made for it in the allocation of wave lengths. Thus officially ends the existence of the boy's delight and the BCL's anathema. Five wide bands of the lower wave lengths are available for C. W. transmitters using circuits loosely coupled to the radiating system or using coil antenna or loops. I. C. W. and 'phone are confined to the 170 to 180 meter band. The amateur sub-committee also recommended that the use of radiating receivers be discouraged on the short wave relay broadcast bands because of the likelihood of relayed interference from this source.

Four additional channels were provided for ship communication and a request made for voluntary reduction in the number of position reports of ships.

The strongest recommendation made by the conference, and the one most conducive to the efficient carrying out of all other recommendations, was that a more liberal appropriation of funds be made for the offices of the radio supervisors, all of whom have been greatly handicapped by insufficient personnel and equipment.

# On the Trail of the Tube Sharks

An Exposé of Unscrupulous Methods Employed in the Manufacture and Repair of Bootleg Tubes

By Volney G. Mathison

**H**ELLO! Yes, this is the Gyp & Gyp Radio Tube Company of Newark. You say the tubes we repaired don't seem to work right. Why—ahum, how strange! Perhaps your set—a three-hundred-dollar super-heterodyne. Ah, that explains it! You see, those big radio-trust sets are designed and built to work only with the common inferior grade of four-dollar tubes sold in all the stores. Our tubes are so incomparably—ah—superior that your set would have to be entirely rebuilt, to match up to them.

You, ahum, you ought to have one of our Sorrydyne sets—I beg your pardon? Refund your money! Why, really, we are mighty sorry, but— Our advertisements? Why, ah—yes, we advertise that our tube-repairs are guaranteed. We test every tube on our Slamdyne Automatic Testing Machine. That is the best we can do. No, I'm sorry, but you—ah, you know, we do not advertise or agree to refund any money. You see, at two dollars and fifty cents, we are selling so close to cost that we couldn't possibly afford—I beg your pardon? Ah, ahum, yes, that is really the best we can do. We are awfully—How is that? We a pack of crooks! What do you mean, sir! That is the most infamous thing I ever had said to me in my life! You are not a gentleman, sir! If you should dare to say that to my face—hello, hello, hello—party hung up. Ah, thank you, central.” (Aside: “Twelve-fifty out of that bird. Those things are costing us only sixty cents apiece. Ah, ahum, I think we'd better cut our prices another half-a-dollar and get in a new lot of eggs.”)

**A**N “egg,” reader, is a fairly stale underworld term meaning you or me, or any person that can by any hook or crook be trimmed of a couple of dollars. The foregoing is an effort to interpret briefly an experience that many thousands of people have actually suffered, either directly or by mail, during the past three years, at the hands of the innumerable repair-tube concerns infesting the eastern section of the United States from Boston to Philadelphia.

For a long time, I have been hearing and have been asked the questions, “Are repaired radio vacuum tubes any good? Are independently-manufactured new tubes any good?” These insistent queries have appeared time and again in the question and answer columns of the vari-

ous radio periodicals, and the answers given have generally been contradictory, incomplete, and only half correct. This was inevitable, owing to the necessity for compressing the replies and to the lack of any large amount of real, first-hand experience with such tubes on the part of the person called upon to answer.

The vacuum-tube has always been, and probably will be for some time, the central object in the radio spot light.

absolutely perfect tubes every day. I have seen the secret processes of coating filaments and I have studied chemical analysis reports from laboratories as far away as Berlin. Also, I have bought three-hundred and fifty tubes from twenty-five different concerns—but this is getting ahead of the story.

Armed with an imposing brief case, a hundred-dollar ice cream suit, and an engraved card announcing myself as a



*In the lair of the vacuum-tube bootlegger! This shows a plant in actual operation. See ye poor tube, filled with fire! The tube is on a vacuum-pump and is being bombarded or heated by high-frequency current from a 2-KW radio spark-transmitter, in order to drive out occluded gases. The idea is right but the equipment is crude and imperfect.*

So strong is the desire on every hand for information about tubes—especially for inside dope on repaired tubes and unlicensed new tubes—that about six months ago I packed my old kit bag and embarked for the East via the Panama Canal determined to find out at first-hand just what all these queer bulb noises in the gab circuit are about.

And folks, I have found out. I have seen the “makings” of vacuum tubes, from slugs of raw tungsten and nickel to the acid lettering applied to the bases of the finished product after the final fifteen-hour endurance test on the socket rack. I have been in tube-repair dives containing nothing but a gasoline blow torch, a broken down vacuum pump, and filament wires apparently removed from electric lamps—and I have camped in fifty-thousand-dollar factories operating behind locked doors producing 2,000

prosperous radio-tube jobber looking for “lots of tubes,” I was received by the mail-sales gang in New York with an enthusiastic, but cautious welcome. Cautious, I might explain, because Uncle Sam's New York postoffice has a large force of “eagles” who are wont to prowl; and I had to demonstrate myself to be a good fresh “egg,” fit to be fried—not a rotten one, liable to chloroform all hands.

My preliminary visits were to all the new tube and exchange-repair mail order concerns that advertise in the radio publications. These establishments I found all very much alike: a small, dark room buried away in some cheap sixth-rate office building, a battered desk, undoubtedly rented, and a small soap box full of burnt-out and repaired tubes. Now, this was not exactly prepossessing; but still it didn't mean very



much. Lots of successful businesses have had equally humble beginnings. But one look at the physiognomy of the bandit behind the battered desk, in almost every case made me sort of instinctively feel for the heavy old six-gun I used to lug around years ago up in Alaska. About the second day, I began to consider going down to the water front and borrowing an iron belaying pin to slip into my brief case.

After two weeks of preliminary visiting among the New York "foims," and acquiring—terms cold cash—a generous quantity of sample tubes, I next embarked for Newark by way of the roaring tubes deep under the turgid waters of the Hudson. Upon arriving at Newark, the grimy mecca of the vacuum-tube egg-hunters, I proceeded through

He even went so far as to show me some of the company's correspondence, and it is a fact that this concern has done an astonishing business. They have advertised in nearly every important radio publication in the United States, and about everybody in America has had a tube repaired by them—once, I guess.

The Gyp & Gyp gentleman was so kindly and genial and showed me so many attractive tubes that I went back to visit him several times. He was so engaging I almost would have given him my watch, if he had asked me for it—and I am not chewing on a teething ring, either. Gyp & Gyp were pretty hard to size up—until I bought quite a big boxful of tubes from them. Then it was easy.

At the end of three weeks, I had seen at least two dozen mail-order offices—but not one factory or tube repair plant. After making several return visits, I began suggesting that I be shown around the plant—and here, for a long time, I ran against a stone wall. Every outfit explained to me, with much regret, that the big manufacturers of licensed vacuum-tubes do not recognize the right of any one to repair tubes or make new ones; and that these manufacturers have a formidable force of "legal investigators" or "dusty shoes," who go about endeavoring to discover the whereabouts of the small factories. Once the "dusty shoes" locate a factory or a repair plant, their employers, so I was solemnly assured, would come down upon the place like an upsetting mountain of bricks—and no rubber ones.

The small repair concerns have little fear of being molested at their places of business; because, as I have already related, their office equipment is a rented desk, and their stock, a few dozen repaired tubes. If one of the big corporations slam an injunction and a padlock on the door, nothing can be lost but a handful of tubes and a few days rent; and about two days later the "foim" appears in another little back room just around the corner, with a replica of the battered desk and a fresh soap box full of tubes, ready to exchange for burnt-outs. It reminded me of the ubiquitous flea; put your finger on him here and he hops up over there.

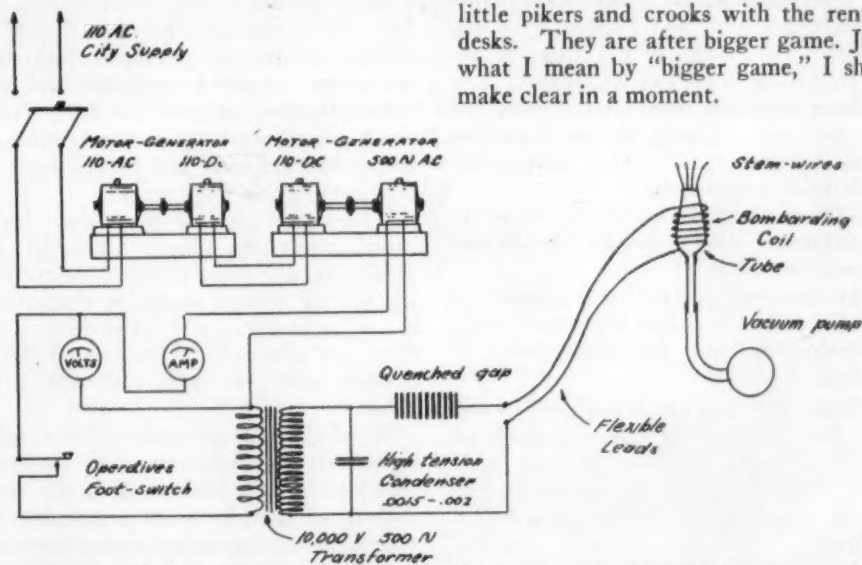
It is a fact that at least one of the big tube-making corporations maintains a staff of investigators who go around looking for information, and who sometimes work as clerks in retail stores. One of the mail order men I met in my travels was an ex-investigator who had learned so much that he had quit investigating and gone to repairing tubes! These "dusty shoes," I have learned, however, are not much interested in the little pikers and crooks with the rented desks. They are after bigger game. Just what I mean by "bigger game," I shall make clear in a moment.



Electric spot-welding plates and grids onto their supporting wires. The weld is made by a low-voltage, high-amperage arc. Note the rack full of completed stems in the foreground. These are ready for sealing into bulbs.

a haze of factory smoke to the headquarters of our friends, the Gyp & Gyp Radio Company.

I found Gyp & Gyp remarkably different from the Manhattan tube buzzards. Gyp & Gyp have a large office, several desks, and much filing equipment containing names of eggs of various grades. Here a rather large, heavily-built young gentleman, nearly bald and with dirty-looking teeth, fell upon me like a long-lost brother and figuratively speaking folded me in his arms. Instead of the cold, hostile, "can-I-get-you-before-you-get-me" glare of some of the wary hermits lurking in the caves of Gotham, this tube doctor was softly aglow with warmth and friendship. He took me within the fold; showed me a somewhat imposing stock of tubes, both new and exchange repairs, and told me at great length about all the crooks and pikers in the business of repairing vacuum-tubes.



Working diagram of the bombardeur shown in the photograph. A simple quenched-spark shipboard type radio transmitter minus oscillation transformer secondary. These sets are built for D. C., hence double motor-generator. If you hear shrill quenched-spark whistles on your receiver, there may be a tube plant next door.

The operations of the tube sharks are actually the strongest possible factor in thoroughly discrediting before the public the few honest repairers and independent makers of vacuum-tubes. I have found that the only reason the gyp crowd hide their repair plants is because they do not want anybody to see their wretched equipment and underworld-type operatives. The better they know you, the less chance you have, therefore, of ever seeing their "factory." The big independent makers of genuinely good tubes, on the other hand, as soon as they are absolutely sure that you are O. K., are glad to let you in.

In the course of the second month of my investigating, I had a rather amazing experience. I had been handing out my local hotel address pretty freely among the tube exchanges. One evening my telephone rang, and the clerk in the lobby informed me that one Mr. Trask wished to see me. I asked the clerk to send the man up; but I was informed in a moment that Mr. Trask positively would not come up; I must see him in the lobby.

Somewhat mystified, I went down. I found waiting for me a small, dark, rat-eyed man, rather shabbily dressed, carrying a small black satchel. He had the furtive, wary, evil look of a burglar or a counterfeiter.

As soon as we had retired to the most secluded part of the lobby, he came to the point, without hedging.

"I understand you are a big dealer in exchange tube repairs?"

"Yes," I replied, and I waited.

Mr. Trask gave me a long, penetrating look. His grimy fingers played nervously about the catch on his black satchel.

"Do you want to see something good?" he demanded, rather huskily.

"Why, certainly," I replied, trying to keep a cool front.

The man snapped open his satchel, extracted a tube, and handed it to me. Except for a slightly old look, it appeared to be in perfect Radiotron. The proper markings were on the glass and on the base. Except for its somewhat dull appearance, it was not distinguishable from a new tube.

"Do you mean to say this is a repair!" I exclaimed, staring first at the tube and then at the man.

He smirked, nodded, and opened his satchel wider, revealing about two dozen Cunningham and Radiotron tubes of various types.

Now, this was something new to me. By this time, I had seen thousands of repaired tubes, incidentally some good ones, but they all had new bulbs and new bases, which were plainly marked "repaired."

I eventually learned the method of making these trick repairs. The solder on the tube prongs is first melted off with a gas torch. This releases the four

connecting wires from the inside of the tube. The tube base is then inserted in a resistance coil, which heats it without damaging the lettering. When the tube gets hot, the bakelite cement that holds the bulb down into the brass shell gives way; then the bulb is pulled out. With a gas-jet, the stem supporting the plate and grid is melted out of the bulb, at the place where it is joined around the bottom. The bulb is then swaged in a flame, enough to enable the withdrawal of the complete stem, plate and all. A new filament is mounted, the stem replaced and sealed back into the same bulb. The bulb is then pumped out, bombarded, and, by means of a basing machine, reset in its original base. There is an erroneous idea that this cannot be done to the new tubes with bakelite bases. It is, in fact, necessary to destroy the bases; but bakelite moulding plants are producing exact copies of them, lettering and all.

"You do a clever job," I said to Mr. Trask, trying to look sold. "What is your price?"

"One hard boy apiece," replied Mr. Trask, warming up a little—then suddenly he bored me suspiciously with his ferret-like eyes, and said, "But, mister, it's cash! No checks, no drafts! We deliver 'em personal, you hand over th' bulge. We don't care whatcha do with 'em. You can sell 'em as repaired, if ya want—or, you know."

"I see," I replied, quietly. "Give me a dozen samples, and your address."

Mr. Trask produced a card. It had nothing on it but a telephone number.

"Ring that number," he told me. "Leave woid how many you want, an' where you want 'em—an' have th' jack ready."

The next day, I traced the telephone number, and found a small dirty restaurant in one of the tenement districts. The greasy-shirted proprietor denied any knowledge as to the whereabouts of Mr. Trask, but admitted that that gentleman occasionally dropped into the restaurant to eat a sandwich and receive telephone messages left him. Upon being questioned further, the restaurant keeper became surly and non-committal. It was the stone wall again.

This is one kind of crook the "dusty shoes" really are after. Thousands of these virtually counterfeit tubes are being sold in foreign countries, particularly in Argentina and Australia—and there are plenty of them around here, masquerading in both old and new boxes.

It is claimed by some of the tube folks that the production of counterfeits in the way described in the preceding paragraphs is not practicable or successful on any large scale, but that new bulbs and bases are sometimes used which have been deliberately etched and stamped in a fraudulent manner.

Such manufacture of counterfeits

should not be confused, however, with "top-end" repairs. In making a top-end repair, the bulb and base are not touched; instead, the upper end of the tube is burnt open, so as to make a hole in the glass about one-fourth in. in diameter. Through this hole chemicals are introduced to clean out the old vacuum-getter and pieces of burnt-out filament. The new filament, supported at each end by tiny bars of nickel, is then lowered into place and rigidly secured to the proper lead-in wires on the stem by electric spot-welding with a specially-built long, slim-fingered welding machine. This machine also attaches pieces of properly prepared magnesium to the plate. The new filament and vacuum-getter in position, a heavy piece of glass exhaust tubing is melted or welded into the hole in the top end of the bulb, and the tube then exhausted on a mercury-vapor pump and bombarded. This is one of the latest methods of repairing and is very effective, as no part of the old tube is disturbed in any way, except the burnt-out filament. If the tubes are properly pumped and bombarded and if a high-grade filament wire is used, the results are remarkably good. Top-end repairs are readily distinguished by the unusually large heavy tips on them.

Another time, I went out to Newark to look up another tube repairer who advertises considerably. The address in the advertisements proved to be a small candy store, run by an Italian. I thought I had made a mistake, and for a few minutes I was puzzled. Upon inquiring in the candy store, however, I was informed that the tube concern was in the rear. Going back through a narrow alley, and stumbling around in a rear yard where some garage men were washing automobiles, I finally arrived at the signless door of the "Bill-Barnes" tube shop.

Here, I found a refreshing variation from the common run of repair dive. Instead of a battered desk and a soap box full of tubes, I found a crowded little office, occupied by two or three busy people. From over a plaster-board partition came the sound of whirring motors and clicking machinery—and every few seconds a burst of radio music. The intermittent music meant attempts at tube-testing.

The owner of this concern I found to be a plump, hearty, cheerful, rather temperamental Italian. He made no secret whatever of his factory. On my second visit, I was allowed into it. He had about ten operatives, mostly Italian girls, all very busy repairing tubes on rather obsolete machines.

At that time, four months ago, I did not know what to make of the "Bill-Barnes" outfit; but now, after half a year of contact with all sorts of vacuum-tube makers and repairers, and after watching the various processes day after day, from the purification of the metals

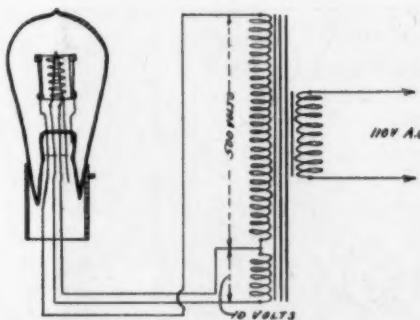
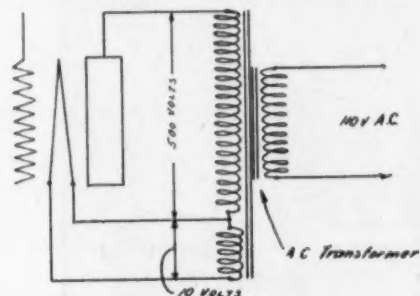


entering into the tube, to the checking up of the finished article on scientific curve sheets, I can realize that the proprietor of this concern is just an energetic glass blower stumbling along in the dark, possessing only a fragmentary knowledge of electrochemistry, electronic phenomena, and vacuum-tube manufacturing methods — and using makeshift machinery that results in a distressingly haphazard quality of his output. There are dozens of outfits like Bill Barnes, except that most of them are absolutely merciless in their dealings with victims, whereas poor Bill is conscientious. He is learning, and doing the best he can; but his missteps are sometimes hard on the consumer.

This Bill Barnes, the Italian, was offered the exclusive manufacture of the lately-advertised double-gridded mumpsimus but he threw it down as beneath even him.

About four months after I began roaming this great New Jersey wilderness of vacuum-tube gyps, I ran across a small, neat advertisement in some of the radio magazines announcing several types of new tubes.

I spent half a day looking for the street address of this concern. After I had stumped three or four traffic cops, inquiring for the location of the street advertised, I finally went to the city hall of Newark and caused a search to be made on the town map. At length we spotted the place; and half an hour later I was far out in the shack town of the city. On an old narrow side street, I found the cut-price tube outfit housed in what looked like a fifteen-cent Barbary Coast rooming house.



Theoretical diagram of "bombarding off the filament." The enormous plate current heats the plate red hot and liberates the magnesium vacuum-getter; but the extraordinary discharge of electrons from the incandescent filament literally tears the metal to pieces, destroys the thorium content, and leaves the wire brittle and lifeless.

There was no sign out, no radio aerial, no distinguishing mark of any kind whatever. Just as I arrived, I fortunately found a little dark, lynx-eyed man rifling the rusty mail box near the door. There were several letters in it.

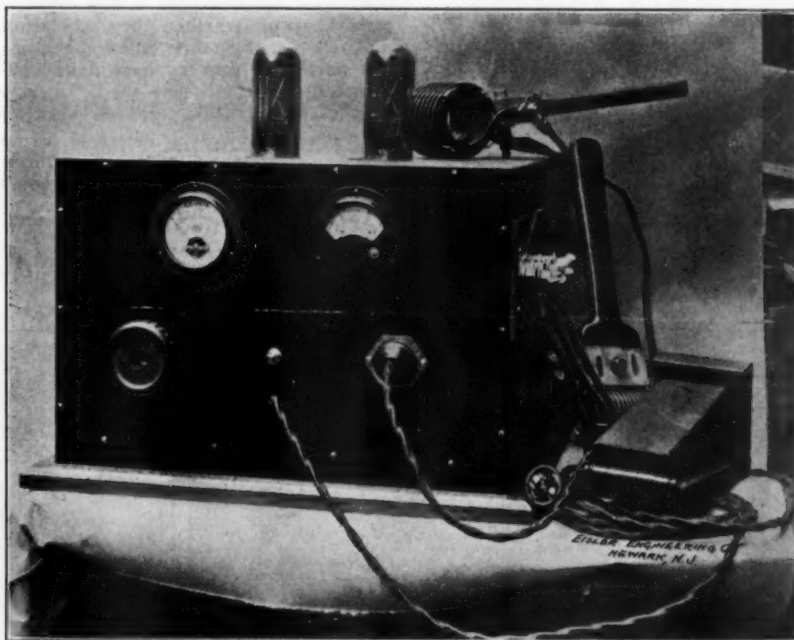
When I came up and spoke to the fellow, he reciprocated with a glare that was at once frightened and hawk-like, and he looked as if he might pull a gun. At this moment, a slovenly black-haired woman with a dirty kitchen apron on, came rushing to the rescue of her husband—I suppose he was, anyway,—and began screeching in a Greekish, Rumanian, Rumelian, or some other foreign accent,—"Thees ees a mail-order beez-ness!"—no tubes sold direct, no wholesale, no information, no anything.

When I persisted in questioning them, the pair, who looked like they might have dodged last year's immigration quota, finally declared that they had nothing whatever to do with the con-

cern, but that their "brother-in-law" owned the business. I politely asked for this worthy brother-in-law's name. The fellow, still clutching his letters, seemed stuck; then, glancing swiftly at me, as I held my note book up against the flimsy, crooked wall of the house, preparing to write the name down, he replied coolly,—*"Mr. Wall!"* I next asked where I could see Mr. "Wall," and was informed that he worked somewhere or other and would be home at six-thirty in the evening. I came back at 6:40 p. m. and found the house dark, deserted, locked and abandoned! I never could find anybody around that joint again—but the mail box was not neglected. Most of the letters that enter that box are in small boys' handwriting.

Over in New York, just the other day, I visited my thirty-fifth concern, which, at this writing, is running an attractive advertisement of new tubes. This was the usual battered-desk layout but there was an unexpected variation in the concern's selling talk. The disconsolate, hang-jawed individual holding the slack reins of the lonely-looking business informed me sourly that he wanted to get clear of eastern trade, because everybody in the east who buy vacuum-tubes are liars and fools they say his wonderful tubes are no good and ceaselessly demand replacements; he knows his tubes are the best in the world; he has his stomach full of replacements, now, and is not going to replace another tube—unless he considers the buyer "entitled" to it. He is looking for "westoin business," but he did not appear to be doing much outside of looking glum.

In a former article, I described in



Here is a real vacuum-tube bombarder. It is really a powerful little 100-watt CW transmitter, using two 50-watt power tubes. The long-handled heating coil besides the right-hand power tube is for bombarding 201-A tubes; the other one resting against the cabinet is for 199 tubes. To the right of the bombarded is a foot-switch for controlling the machine. This is the latest and most efficient bombarding apparatus so far produced.

detail some of the correct processes of manufacturing and repairing tubes. In order, however, that the reader may appreciate the picture accompanying this article showing a method of bombardment, I shall explain here that when a radio tube has been evacuated, it is necessary to heat the plates and larger supporting wires on the stem to a bright cherry red, in order to drive out gases occluded or absorbed by the metal. The tube is on the air pump while this heating is carried on; so that all gases driven out will be withdrawn from the bulb. If this process is not perfect and thorough, the occluded gases will later be thrown out of the metallic elements while the bulb is in use, and in a few hours it will be "soft,"—that is, full of gas.

One way of heating the tube elements is to place a high-frequency coil around the bulb; the high-frequency coil around by this coil causes a molecular or electronic vibration of the metal in the plate and wires; and this rapid motion of the molecules or electrons causes friction and consequently heat. In this way, the tube elements are brought to a bright red heat, gases are driven out or cracked loose from the metal, and are sucked out of the bulb by the vacuum pump.

In the accompanying picture, an operative is applying the high-frequency coil to a bulb on the pump. The vacuum-tube can be seen, filled with a brilliant glow; it is really purple in color, like the glow of a mercury lamp. This illumination is caused partly by ionized gas, and its dazzling intensity indicates a somewhat defective process, as will be explained later. The high-frequency current for the copper coil around the bulb is produced by an ordinary two-kilowatt quenched-spark radio transmitter, which is on the other side of the operative. The machine in the picture is a piece of discarded U. S. Navy equipment. The entire process shown here is obsolete and uncertain in its effect. It produces non-uniform tubes. It is not so bad as the method of the worst of the crook repairers, who bombard by heating the filament to twice the normal operating temperature and applying 500 volts to the plate; but it is inferior to the meth-

ods of expert repairers and tube-makers, who use a high-power CW bombarding circuit.

Now, about my sample tubes. Finding one Newark company to be the biggest mail order tube concern, I eventually bought one hundred tubes from them, of various types. Here are my results:

Tubes that pulled from 200 to 800% excess of normal registered filament current ..... 41

Tubes that were half dead, produced microphonic noises, rattled, howled, refused to work on radio frequency, markedly poor volume, fuzzy tones ..... 46

Tubes OK ..... 13

Total ..... 100

This shipment cost \$200.57, delivered, or \$15.42 each for the thirteen good tubes. Commenting upon the failure of their tubes to operate on radio frequency and super-heterodyne, this concern writes:—

"Relative to radio frequency, be advised that tubes manufactured in this country, disregardless of whether they are made by R. C. A. or any other independent, it is at this particular time a physical impossibility to manufacture tubes or repair them to be used exclusively for radio frequency work.

"We might say, as a matter of suggestion, when receiving tubes, to test them out thoroughly and you will find that some come up to the standard and others of course will not. Those that are not up to the standard desired for radio frequency should be disposed of to those who use them as audio frequency amplifiers."

"Disregardless" of the classical rhetoric in this letter, its meaning is clear. If the radio dealer can't sting the wise ham with a radio frequency DX receiver, then let him hook the poor B. C. L. with an audio frequency amplifier! Some mail order concerns must be operated by mind readers or telepathists; they know what kind of set you have, the instant they see your order! Observe that in the above letter there is not a word said about replacing or making good on tubes that do not come up to "the standard."

Just three days ago, I listened to a terrific row between the slightly-built, innocent-eyed, almost angelic-looking "president" of this concern and a hard-fisted, honest-faced man from California. The man from California runs a high-grade repair factory out west; he had got swamped with orders and had bought a big shipment of exchange tubes from the Newark people to carry him over. But they had nearly carried him under.

"Say, do you know that I've refunded as much as thirty-five dollars in a single day to people sending your rotten tubes back!" he thundered, in a rage, after failing to get any satisfactory adjustment.

"Why refund—" began the angelic-eyed president.

"Why, hell!" bellowed the sun-burnt

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*What Kin a Feller Do?*



# A One Control Super-Heterodyne

Complete Constructional Details with Improvements Developed Since This Arrangement Was Described in November "QST."

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**R**ADIO is no exception to the general tendency towards simplicity in all engineering design. In the case of a receiving set this crystallizes in the layman's demand for simplicity of control, for the substitution of a single control tuner for the two and three-dial types. This can be readily done in the case of the two most popular types of receivers, the neutrodyne and the super-heterodyne, though such sets are not yet commercially available.

As the super-heterodyne, when built with reliable parts, is one of the most selective and sensitive circuits yet devised, and as it can be simplified so as to require but one tuning control, many readers will be interested in the construction of such a satisfactory receiver, especially as it can be built at a cost no greater than that of a good neutrodyne. It uses seven tubes and a 21½-inch panel. The set here described has been duplicated many times and has given uniformly good results.

Several experimental amateurs in Rochester, New York, using similar sets had no difficulty in picking Pacific Coast stations regularly through the late summer. Another set using the longwave

amplifier unit in this super-heterodyne in San Francisco has brought in Pittsburgh on a loudspeaker, using but one stage of audio. Those on the Pacific Coast will appreciate what getting over the Rockies means. So, we are describing something that has been thoroughly tried out months ahead of the publication of this article.

Some may wonder how the super-heterodyne can be made to operate with but one control, when we have two circuits that are not tuned to the same frequency and when it is necessary that these circuits be so tuned that a differ-

ence in frequency of the two circuits equals the frequency of the longwave amplifier. This may be 40,000 or 30,000 cycles or for whatever frequency the outfit is designed. No matter what wave length the tuner is set to, the oscillator must be tuned to produce a difference in frequency equal to this. It is necessary therefore, if we restrict ourselves to one control, to connect these two circuits in such a manner that the frequency difference between the two is kept constant over the whole tuning range.

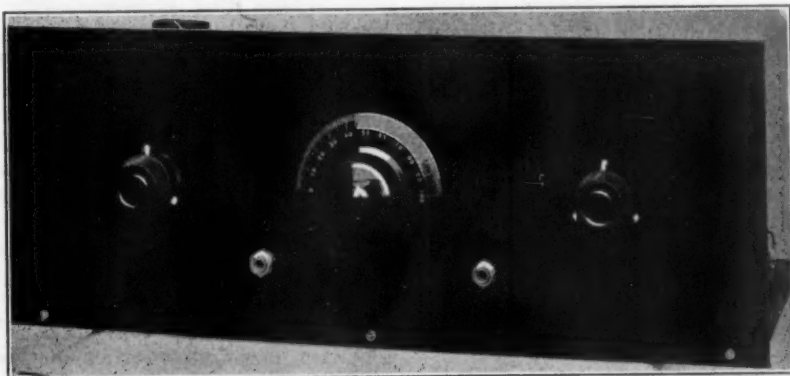


Fig. 1. Panel View of 7-tube Super-Heterodyne

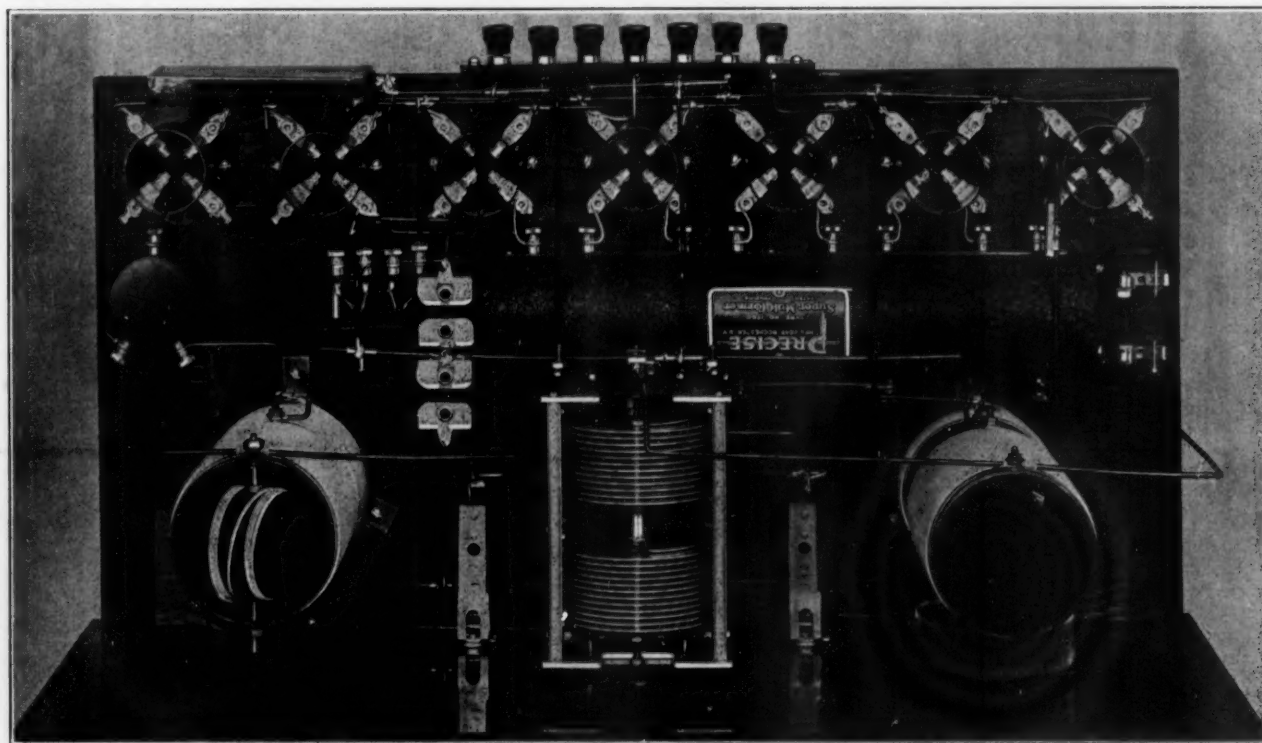


Fig. 2. Panel and Baseboard Mounting of Parts

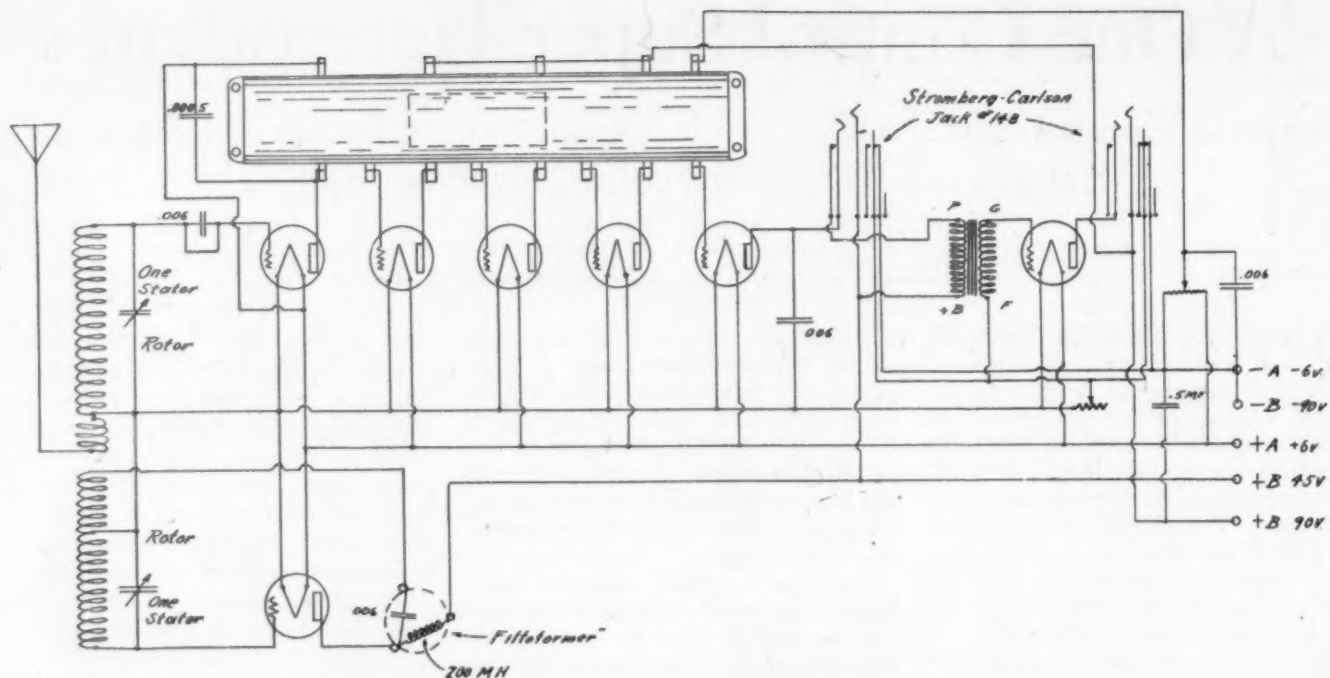


Fig. 3. Wiring Diagram for 7-tube Single Control Super-Heterodyne

This may be accomplished in various manners. It may be done by the use of a cam cut so that the rotation of one condenser varies relatively to the other in such a manner that the frequency result is obtained. It may be accomplished by making the inductance in the tuning circuit and the heterodyning circuit identical. Then by the use of straight line frequency condensers with one set ahead of the other, a difference of frequency may be produced and kept that way over the whole range of the condenser. I presume there are many other modifications that could be devised.

A method that is simple, sure and efficient, and so far as we know, original, employs two condensers geared together. The capacity of both should vary directly as the angle of rotation. One of these condensers is placed across the tuning circuit of the first detector, the other across the tuning inductance of the oscillator. The inductance of these two circuits is designed so that a difference in frequency equal to that of the long-wave amplifier, is produced at any setting of the coupled condensers. The complete theory of operation of this arrangement was described in November

QST by the writer and will not be discussed here. In the original article, the set used two condensers geared together. In this article, a special double condenser that may be readily purchased is used.

There are many modifications of the fundamental super-heterodyne circuit and it would be well at this point to state that the original circuit or arrangement of apparatus will produce results equal to any of the modifications when properly adjusted. The reason for one super-heterodyne being superior to another is generally due to the choice

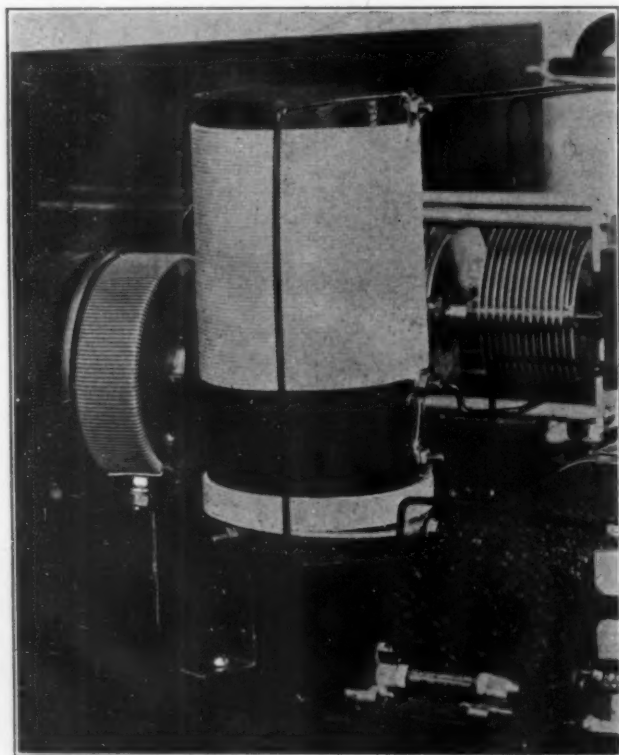


Fig. 4. Tuning Coil

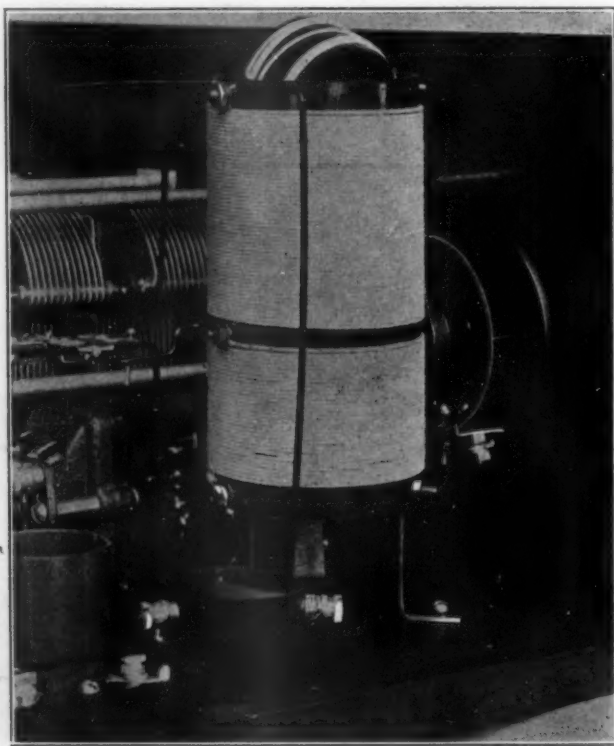


Fig. 5. Oscillator Coil



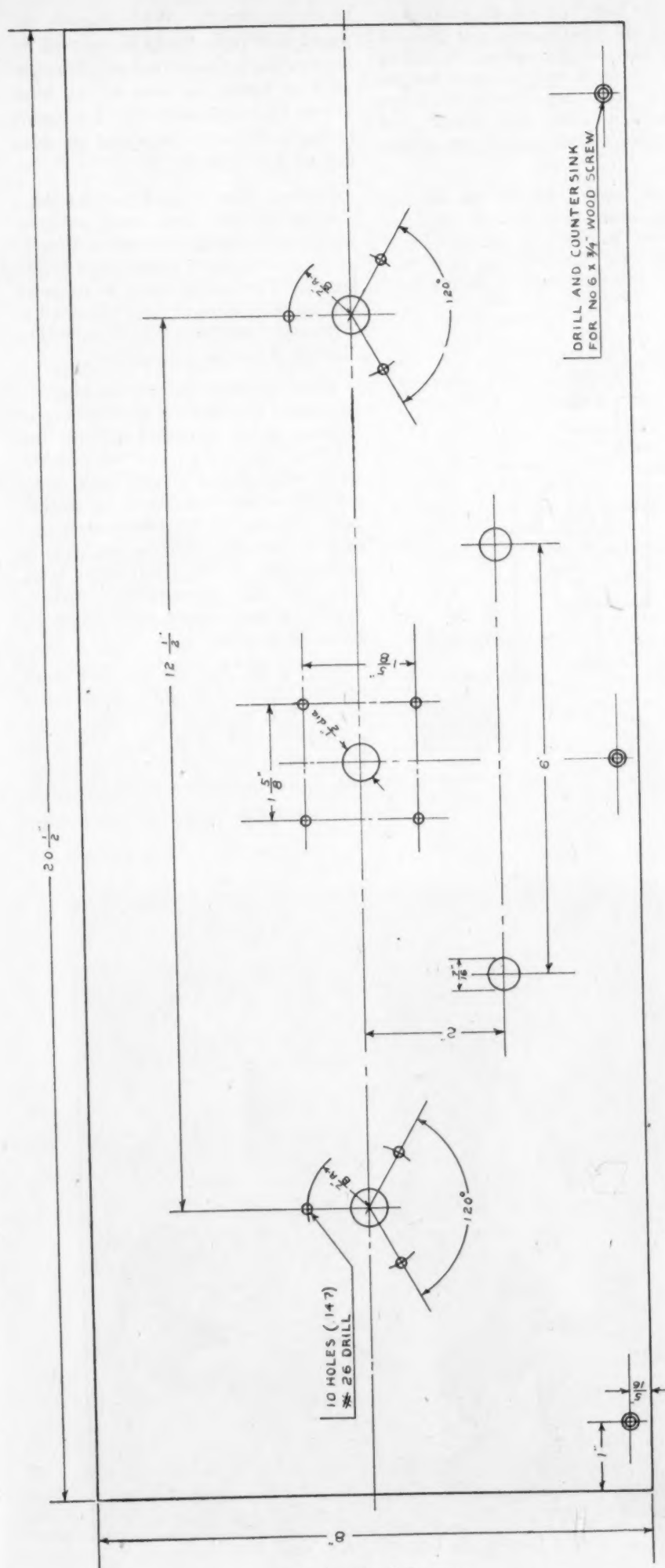


Fig. 6. Panel Layout

of apparatus, correct layout and care in connecting. Established engineering practice cannot be ignored without disastrous results.

The principal parts required are as follows:

- 1 Panel, 20½x8 inches.
- 1 Baseboard, 20x10x5½ inches.
- 7 Tube Sockets.
- 1 7-ohm. Rheostat to carry 1½ amps.
- 1 400 ohm Potentiometer.
- 2 Condensers mounted on same shaft (National Co. of Cambridge, Mass.) with vernier dial.
- 1 Precise Super-Multiformer.
- 1 Precise Filtoformer (or 200 m. h. choke and .006 mfd. condenser).
- 2 Pieces Formica Tubing 3 in. diam., 5½ in. long.
- 1 Piece Formica Tubing 1¾ in. diam., 1¼ in. long.
- 1 A. F. Transformer (Precise 285).  
Jacks, Wire, etc.

The tuning coil is wound on a piece of formica tubing 5½ in. long and 3 in. in diameter. Fig. 4 shows it in detail. The antenna coil, which is the lower coil in the picture, consists of 8 turns of No. 18 double cotton covered magnet wire. Without cutting the wire leave a space 1¼ in. on the tube, and start the secondary winding which consists of 59 turns of the same wire.

Fig. 5 shows the oscillator coil which is wound on the same size and length of tubing. The plate coil, which is the smaller of the two, is started first, and is wound on the lower end of the tubing. It consists of 33 turns of No. 18 DCC wire. Without cutting the wire, start ¼ in. from the end of this coil with the grid coil. The separation between these coils is necessary for the small bolt that comes through the formica tubing to make necessary connections. The grid coil consists of 54 turns of the same size wire.

In the pictures a smaller coil is shown at the top of the grid coil. This coil is in series with the grid coil, and is used to change the inductance in the circuit. It consists of 5 turns of No. 18 wire wound in the same direction as the other coils on formica tubing 1¾ in. in diameter and 1¼ in. long. All coils should be wound in the same direction.

The sockets, the super-multiformer, the audio frequency transformer, etc. are screwed down to the baseboard in the position shown in the pictures. The panel may next be attached (after it has been drilled) and the double condenser, the rheostat, potentiometer and jacks mounted.

Do not mount the coils until the wiring of the potentiometer and the rheostat have been done. When wiring up the set it is best to begin with the filament connections of the sockets. Start with the positive lead and run one wire from the first socket to the last, then make connections along this wire, where necessary to the other sockets. Next connect

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## LETTERS OF A DEEP SEA OP.

### A 75-80 Meter Receiver Without a Variable Condenser

Dear Jack:—

I suppose you've seen the dope on the low wave bands the Department of Commerce slipped the amateurs. Been wishing I had that short wave super-het we used last winter on KDKA but funds are too low for anything like that now. In fact, funds are so blamed low that even a low loss variable con-

tickler, or both, towards the tuning coil shortens the wave length, and gives an overlap between the taps on the tuning coil. The set is very selective but the tuning is not sharp—that is it is not necessary to hold your breath and squeeze the dials for hair line adjustments.

As for losses I believe this receiver has none, unless they occur in resistance where the battery clip makes contact with the taps. Incidentally, Jack, why wouldn't this same stunt work in a short

wave transmitter. With properly designed coils there would be no need for the taps and it should be possible to make up a set having no losses of any kind. If ever I get sufficiently rich, I am going to buy a five-watt bottle and see what can be done with it.

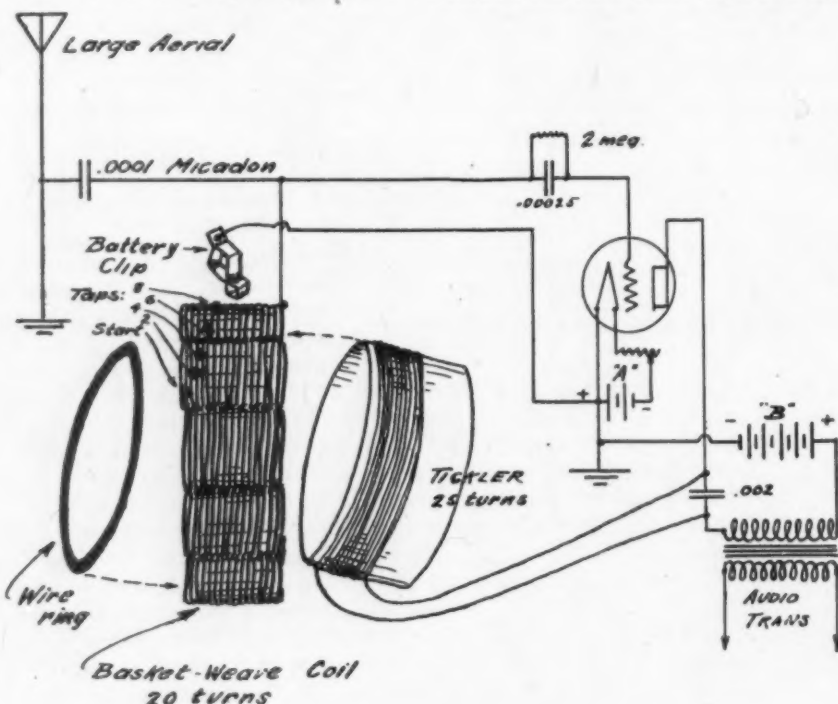
I found that I could use the ship's antenna for this low wave reception which was considerable of a surprise as the antenna has a fundamental of 370 meters. The antenna must be grounded and the short wave receiver connected to it through a small series condenser. The diagram shows the arrangement.

Have only had this rig working the last couple of nights but already have an imposing list of calls heard from the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th districts, all of which rolled in with good signal strength on one stage of audio amplification. Some of the broadcasters and other longer wave stations also come in on harmonics in the 75-80 meter band. One of the transatlantic stations, WGH, is very strong every night on about 70 meters.

Judging by the way the low wave boys roll in here it ought to be fairly easy to hear some of them clear across the Pacific. I'll drop you a line from Hong Kong and let you know what luck I have with them on the trip out.

73° From MICKEY DORAN

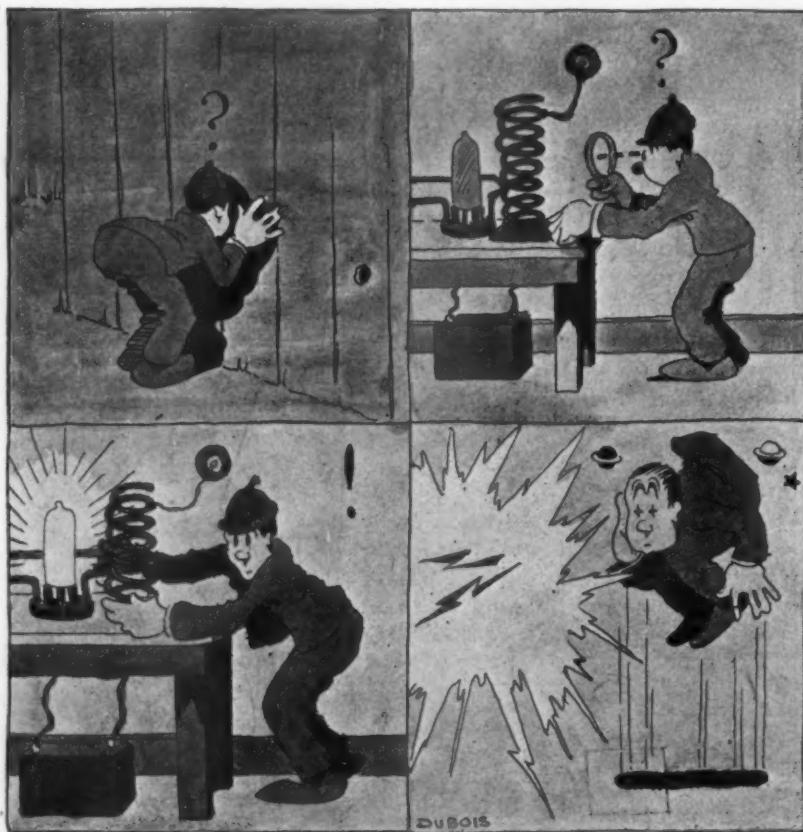
A CHEAP SHORT WAVE TUNER



denser is out of the question. Anyway, I was seized with a desire to see what was doing on the 75-80 meter stuff the other day and old John Memory came to the rescue with a solution of the variable tuning problem.

Do you remember the stunt we used last winter on neutrodynes that wouldn't "neut?" A ring of wire around one end of the neutroformer coil seemed to localize the field and made neutralization possible when all other methods failed. I remembered that stunt and also remembered that when the ring was used the condenser settings for a given wave length always had to be jumped about 10 or 15 degrees. Obviously, the wire ring shortened the wave length of the coil. What could be sweeter—here was an inexpensive method of short wave tuning.

I made up a basket weave coil, 20 turns of No. 20 DCC wound on 11 pins set in a 3½-in. circle. 25 turns of No. 24 DCC on a piece of 2½-in. cardboard tubing made the tickler and a 3½-in. ring of bus bar wire served as the tuning element. The basket weave tuning coil has five taps as shown in the diagram. Moving the wire ring or the



Dick Dingbat, the Detecatif, on a "Still" Hunt!!



# Radio Frequency Amplifier With Untuned Transformers

A Frank Discussion of the Moot Questions of Potentiometer Control and Reflex Circuits

By C. M. Jansky, Jr.

ONE type of radio frequency amplifier makes use of iron or air core transformers. The principles of operation are the same as those for audio frequency amplifiers, but the transformers must of course be specially designed for the frequencies involved. In the design of an audio frequency transformer consideration should be given to the characteristics of the tube with which it will be used. This factor is of still greater importance in the design of transformers for radio frequency amplification.

While a radio frequency transformer may be labeled with figures indicating the band of frequencies over which it should be used, this does not mean that the same efficiency can be expected at any frequency within that band. Iron core radio frequency transformers will give more uniform frequency characteristics than air core transformers, but air core transformers will in general be more efficient at some particular frequency. The use of iron cores introduces losses due to eddy currents in the metal. While these losses reduce the amplification they have the effect of flattening the frequency characteristic and preventing regeneration in the circuit from reaching a point where radio frequency oscillations will be produced.

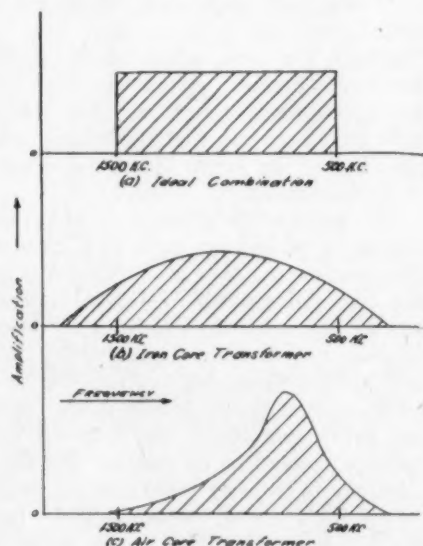


Fig. 1. Possible Characteristics of Three Hypothetical R. F. Transformers

tions will be produced. Fig. 1 shows possible theoretical frequency characteristics for three hypothetical radio frequency transformers. These curves are not intended to represent any transformer on the market and are drawn merely for the purpose of illustration.

It will be remembered that in October RADIO we discussed regeneration and production of oscillation by the aid of energy fed from the plate circuit to the grid circuit due to the capacitance which exists between the grid and plate of the tube. If the primary of a radio frequency transformer is connected into the plate circuit of a tube the regenerative effect produced by coupling between the plate and grid may be sufficient to produce oscillations. Regeneration up to this point is desirable, but the production of oscillation destroys the characteristics of incoming speech and music.

The production of oscillation in tuned

(Note: It should be pointed out that the device called a potentiometer is really a voltage divider, a potentiometer being a much more complicated piece of electrical equipment. The name potentiometer, however, has come into common usage and but few would know the device if called by its correct name.)

The control of regeneration by the use of a potentiometer is open to the added objection that the bias voltage on the grid is never at a point where efficient amplification results. In fact, the bias voltage is so adjusted that inefficient amplification is produced in order to prevent the production of oscillations.

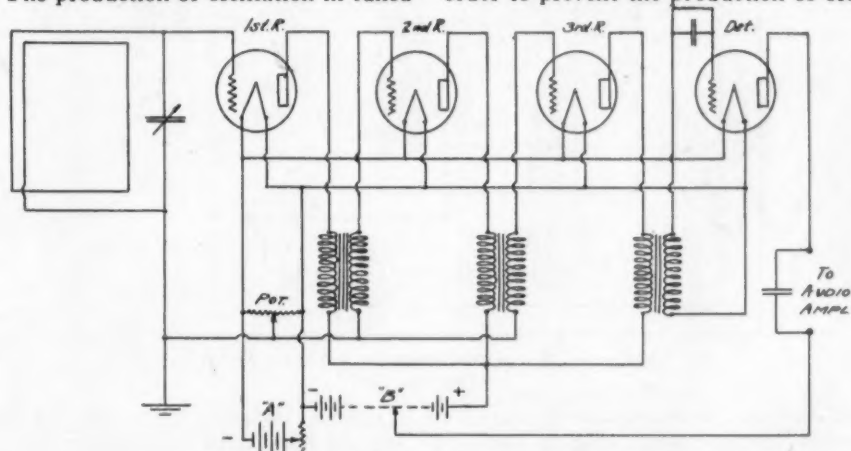


Fig. 2. Transformer Coupled R. F. Amplifier

circuit radio frequency amplifiers is usually prevented by neutralizing the effect of the plate grid coupling. This will be discussed later. In radio frequency amplifiers using iron core transformers the regeneration is partly limited by the losses in the transformers due to eddy currents, etc. Further losses are introduced by the use of a potentiometer in the grid circuit or by the introduction of non-inductive resistances directly in series with the radio frequency circuits. The potentiometer method of control is the more common.

Fig. 2 shows a receiver using four tubes: three as radio frequency amplifiers and one as a detector. Audio frequency amplification can of course be added. A circuit of this type will give very good results using a coil antenna. Some control of regeneration can be obtained by adjusting the potentiometer, but in general it will be found that a point is reached where the circuit suddenly produces violent oscillation before efficient regeneration can be secured. It is questionable as to whether or not the regenerative effect obtained by potentiometer adjustment is of much value.

This means that the grid is usually positive and heavy plate currents result which quickly run down the plate batteries. If series resistance is used it must not only be inserted in the loop circuit but also in each radio frequency circuit, as local radio frequency oscillations may be set up in one of the amplifiers circuits. Due to capacitance between windings and core losses practically no radio frequency transformer has a voltage ratio greater than one, and many actually deliver less voltage at the secondary than is delivered to the primary winding.

The main objection to radio frequency amplifiers using untuned transformers is the fact that they are comparatively inefficient and lack selectivity. In general it takes at least one and one-half stages of the best transformer coupled radio frequency amplification to make up for the fact that efficient regeneration cannot be obtained. This means that a three tube set using two tubes in a transformer coupled radio frequency amplifier and one as a detector is but little better than a one tube regenerative

set. For this reason one stage of transformer coupled radio frequency amplification is worse than none. In order to obtain a real advantage at least three stages of amplification should be used. A good receiving set of this type which would give sufficiently loud signals for a loud speaker with a coil aerial would use six tubes, three as radio frequency amplifiers, one as a detector and two as audio frequency amplifiers.

The large number of tubes required for a receiving set of the type under discussion has led to the development of reflex circuit in which the same tubes

tends to destroy any selectivity which may exist in a straight radio frequency set, as the additional circuits necessary for routing the audio frequency back through the radio frequency circuits provide additional coupling for radio frequency currents as well. These criticisms may be summarized in the statement that it is extremely difficult to build a reflex amplifier in which either radio or audio frequency amplification is as efficiently accomplished as would be the case if the amplifier were designed to handle only one or the other. The only justification for the use of reflex

stage as is the case in the straight reflex circuit. This statement is based on the assumption that the radio frequency currents and voltages cannot be of sufficient magnitude to overload the tube by themselves and are of small magnitude in comparison to the audio frequency currents and voltages. This must be the case if any audio frequency amplification is obtained at all and therefore from the standpoint of overloading the tubes it is immaterial whether straight or inverse reflexing is used.

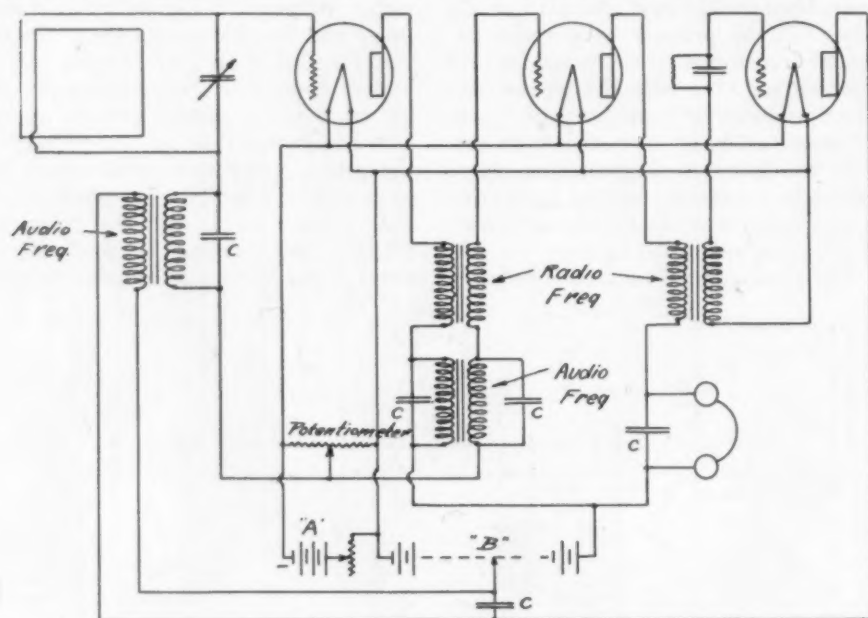


Fig. 3. Wiring Diagram for a Simple Reflex Amplifier Set

are used for both audio and radio frequency amplification. Fig. 3 shows a circuit of this type. The radio and audio frequency transformers are connected in series and condensers *C* are connected across the audio frequency transformers. The radio frequency passes through these by-pass condensers. The audio frequency easily passes through the small inductance of the radio frequency transformer but cannot pass through the condensers *C* because of their high reactance to audio frequency.

Fig. 3 shows the so-called potentiometer method of preventing local oscillations. This is open to the very serious objection that the grid bias must usually be made positive or at least only slightly negative to prevent local oscillations, in which case efficient audio frequency amplification is not possible. Reflexing also

circuits is therefore a necessity for limiting the number of tubes in the set.

It is believed by some that in a straight reflex set the tube which operates in the last stage of the radio frequency amplifier circuit is overloaded, as this tube also operates in the last stage of the audio frequency circuit. To meet such a situation the inverse reflex circuits have been developed in which the audio frequency currents are carried first to the tube in the last stage of the radio frequency amplifier and then back to the next to the last stage, etc., as shown in Fig. 4. The writer is not convinced of the necessity of this as it is very doubtful if the effect of the highest stage audio frequency currents and voltages will be any less detrimental if present in the first radio stage as is the case in the inverse reflexing than they will be if acting in the last radio

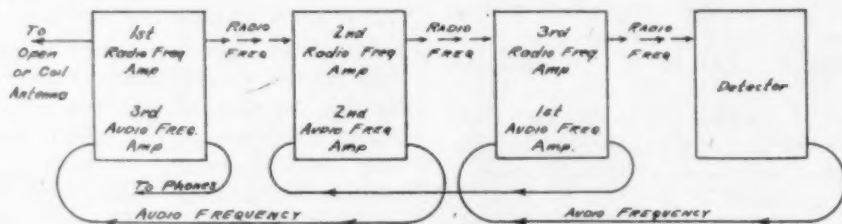


Fig. 4. Routing in an Inverse Reflex Amplifier

## MY FIRST TRIP AS AN OPERATOR

By DONALD G. STEWART

**M**Y FIRST trip as a commercial ship's operator was on the lumber schooner *Santa Rita*, which carried on a coastwise trade between Puget Sound and San Pedro. While staying at Long Beach, I received a telegram from San Francisco informing me that the operator on the *Santa Rita* wished to be relieved and that I was to take his place.

The next day I was on hand at the lumber yard on Terminal Island, where the *Santa Rita* had discharged her cargo, and reported for duty. The operator whom I was to relieve was busy getting his personal effects together and seemed glad to be rid of the job.

"Well!" I remarked, "I hear the old 'hooker' rolls a little too much to suit you." "Yes," he replied, "she does roll pretty bad going north empty."

Together we checked over the apparatus and spare parts, after which he bid me goodbye and went ashore.

It was not long until the ship was under way and after a short stop at Redondo we were again headed north for Puget Sound. About two days out we encountered rough weather which soon convinced me that the rolling and pitching of an empty vessel was anything but pleasant.

One night while off the coast of Washington, I picked up an SOS from a ship in distress. The *S. S. Nika* was on fire two miles south of Umatilla Reef and in urgent need of assistance. I informed the Captain immediately, but as I learned later that another ship was on its way to the *Nika* and could reach her before we could, the Captain decided to proceed on his course. He then asked me to obtain a radio compass bearing from Tatoosh, which I did, but which was not accurate, as we were in their uncalibrated area. I stayed on watch that night until 4 A. M. and sent in a message to the ship's agents in Seattle informing them of our expected arrival within a few hours. I then snapped off the light and went to bed, thinking that when I got up again I would see the ship tied up snug and tight to the dock.

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# Things Equal to the Same Thing

## An Analysis of Complex Circuits Into Their Simpler Components

By Harry A. Nickerson

SOME of the radio manufacturers and radio magazines seem to have adopted the motto, "A Dyne a day makes radio pay." One would think that there was a new circuit born with each new name, but it takes but casual inspection to recognize the old friend in a new suit of clothes. About the easiest method to make a "new circuit," is to substitute a coil with a condenser in place of a variometer, or vice versa. Then there is the method of making a double set of coils of the neutroformer type take the place of a single coil, with appropriate change of connections.

There comes a day to the radio novice when he can inspect a so-called "new circuit" and analyze it in terms of the familiar old circuit. This article is intended to assist the novice in more quickly arriving at the day of analysis.

It is first essential that one understand the difference between "single" and "double" circuit tuning devices. The standard "single circuit regenerative" hook-up is shown in Fig. 1. Coil PS is

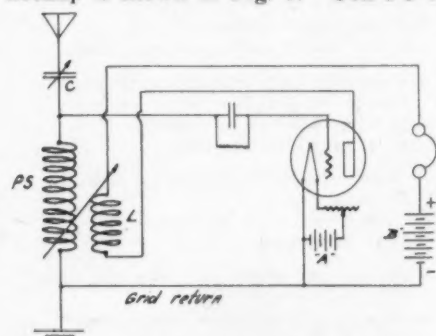


Fig. 1. Single Circuit Regenerative  
an inductance tuned by a variable condenser  $C$  in series, and constitutes the antenna-ground circuit. This same coil being a connection from grid of vacuum tube to filament of tube is likewise a part of the "grid filament circuit," so-called.

The double-circuit is shown in Fig. 2, where  $P$  may be an "untuned primary" consisting of say 6 turns wound outside of  $S$ , a secondary of say 50 turns on a 3 in. diameter tube.  $P$  is the antenna-ground inductance and  $S$  is the secondary or "grid-filament" circuit, "tuned" by variable condenser  $C_2$ . Understanding so much, it is not hard to see that instead of a 6-turn primary, some other form of inductance may be substituted. For example, a honey-comb coil, a spider-

web coil or a variometer might be used at  $P$ . So with  $S$ , a honey-comb or spider-web coil or a variometer might be used.

In very crude but perhaps understandable language, it is the function of the grid circuit to let pass or "squeeze forward" into the vacuum tube plate circuit, signals of only one wavelength or frequency.

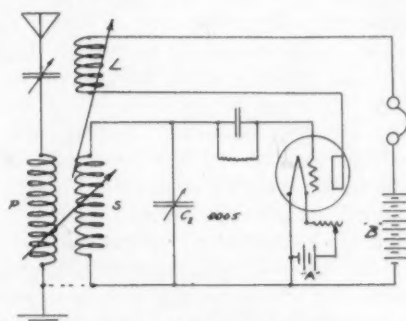


Fig. 2. Double Circuit With Regeneration

In the plate circuit, we may have some device to secure regeneration, or "feed-back" of radio-frequency from the plate circuit into which it has been "squeezed" by the grid circuit. This regeneration is most simply had by use of an inductance  $L$  which can be moved back and forth beside the grid inductance ( $PS$  in Fig. 1, or  $S$  in Fig. 2). Of course again, this inductance ( $R$ ) may be honey-comb, spider-web, or a coil of wire wound on a ball-shaped or tubular shaped rotor, as seen in the usual variocoupler.

Another very common method of securing regeneration is that found where a variometer is inserted in the plate circuit in the same place as the inductance  $L$ . The feed-back is then said to take place through the capacity existing between the elements of the vacuum tube itself, these acting as a small condenser for the passage of radio-frequency currents. The "Greene Concert Receiver" makes use of this method of securing regeneration. Other methods of securing regeneration are the various ultra audion and Reinartz circuits.

The radio-frequency amplification "hook-up" of Fig. 3 is similar to the single circuit in Fig. 1.  $PS$  is the tuning device that determines whether you are going to receive a 220 or a 550 meter wave and passes on the tuned-wave to the plate circuit, where  $L_2$  (which is in this case, "tuned" by a variable condenser) again "squeezes" the desired wave into the right hand tube, where the audio-frequency part of the wave sent out by the station is heard in the phones.

The tube at the right in Fig. 3, is non-regenerative, because there is no provision intentionally made for a feed-back indicated in the diagram. But a tickler coil (as  $L$ , Fig. 1) might be inserted at  $X$ . It is plain that  $L$  might then be made to feed back from the right hand tube either into the grid circuit of this tube or into the grid circuit of the left hand or r. f. tube, merely by

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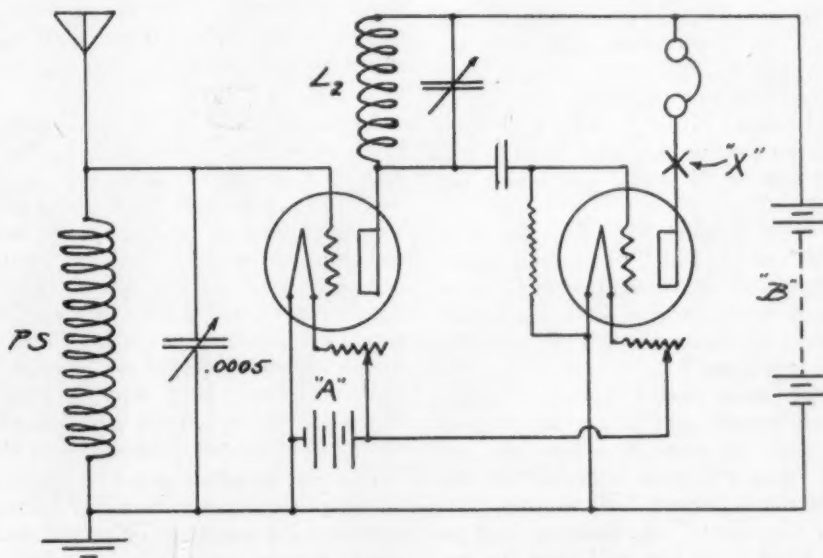


Fig. 3. "Tuned Impedance" R. F. Amplification

## SCRATCHI OUTCASTS FROM YELLOW PERILS

By DAVID P. GIBBONS

To Editor of RADIO (which omit blowing up its own horn).

Ed dear:

Will you please excuse me, thank you, for my impromptness in writing at you for so extensive period. As a matter of facts, I have just returned myself back again from quite distant sea voyage over the widely-spread Pacific Ocean, which are not often so.

My Cousin Scratchi depose that I should reform you about the radio situations in the faraway climbs which I visited at, but I think, Ed, that there are quite sufficient nr. of things to reform at home without stepping on strangers toenails, dont you?

"And more over too," I yip at my Cousin. "RADIO are respectable mag and do not ever reprint such exploding langwidge like a republican vice candy-date exhale."

Scratchi then become very dumb and I grasp my rusty type machine in like manner.

Most outsticking necessity of present moment are, I think, Ed, a national correspondent school for announcers. Since it are possible in few brief lessons to become dashing radio fizishon with tax free paper income of many figures or to become expensive fingermark hunter by simple coupon method of forwarding cash payments to Mister Addison Simms of Seattle or somebody like that, why are it not also possible to do similar good scout turn for the mispaid announcers? Answer are "Why not?"

Course should be entirely complete in ten lessons and first lesson should devote himself to convints announcing student that in many instants the listener-on actuley have a few brains of his own. This will seem very radikle idea to many mike-owners, like "Are Mars infested?" and "Did monkeys ascend from men?" and other such high-dome interrogations.

Next lesson should point towards fact that at all times when announcer say "You have just had great pleasure from hearing Madame Blatalotti singing 'I would I was a birdie'", every knob-spinner grunt peevily "Izzatso!", and might-be he add on "I would you was a hot boiled owl".

Wasent it not, Mr. Ed, the Hon Lincoln which said "You cannot kiddie all the people much of the time", when he took his first ride in a lizzie-car? Answer, of course, to this one also are "Yes, it was not".

Same lesson should expel strong caution to learner that he are stepping on thin water-ice when he inform the universe "You will now be highly flavored by the Taxi Drivers Trio singing "Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" by Badman, and on next Sunday eve you will have the special gladness to hear the Fish Peddlers

Sextet render apart the first 16 verses of "The Rain have Ceased", by Golli.

This lesson should indicate to announcer that after radiator or radiatress have strutted his stuffing, the unseen audients are subposed to be jury of whether it are good or the perverse, as often happen, and they deject to have a microformer do up their minds for them beforehands. Like moving fillum fans who have absorbed high power descriptions of next stupendus output from studio and find when it come along that it are one more flat tire, the radiolists are balking away from bait which are too brightly colored, dont you think, Mr. Ed, or do you?

Fourth lesson which this fresh school would infect into its scholars are that broadcast studio are quite public platform and announcer who allow idea to ingrow that he are the entire jugful of the cat's cold cream are more silly person than theatre man who turn the spotty light on himself instead of on "The Trained Murphies" in their side-cracking novelty. This lesson should farthermore assist to attach tin cannister to studio people who project little private mags to friends on the exterior, and who step around legal rules by inserting remark like "Next we will donate to you touchy little balid called "Take me away from mossy Dixie". This one are dedicated to Mr. Sandy Haig who are having hot dog party at home of his brother who live far off at nr. 16007 Cactus Ave, Sagebrush County, Los Angeles."

Next chapter would aim itself to erase the gent who use voice with that school-girl deflection and who think his delicious remarks are "just too sweet." Most of his audients which cannot tune him away also think likewise, Mr. Ed.

Same chapter would rub off gent who protract each sillabel like he were talking to dumb and deaf little boy about 3 and half yrs. old, and last part of this chapter would deal out some helpless hints for terribly intelligent woman announcer who address mike with more super-refined impressions than two books of etiket.

My Cousin Scratchi, who sometime hatch up rather comicle idea, say he expose to hold littery digest pole to discover who are most highly unpopular woman talking or singing on the radio wavelets, and as prize package for winner he sniggest a self-starting gas bomb which voters will jollily present. Remaining losers must accept sample of my cousin's home brew and use same in internal manner. Such contest however, Mr. Ed, seem to withhold slite eliment of danger in it, as something might go bang.

Remaining lesson would express on budding empressarios that first hundred times are the easiest. This refer to so-stiled popular songs, falsetto solos and "The Road to Mental Hay."

When tenor warblers at six wide-scattering stations demand to know for the 101st insecutive time "What'll I do? What'll I do?" then the furiated ear-drummers begin biting large chunks out of hard rubber panels and toss forth eager snuggestions what he should do and also where.

New crop of graduets turned out from this school, Mr. Ed, are sure of quick position because it are mere axidental chance if any of present microformers, except about two, can survive the on-coming cold weather snaps.

My Cousin keep popping question at me to find out how do American and foreign broadcaster compare favoritely with each others, so I yap at him that only mentionable stations on far edge of Pacific are at New Zealand and Australia, and only crack I can say, Mr. Ed, are that home made variety are not a bit worse than his wool-growing brothers in bushy home of bouncing kangaroo, which make everybody smile at his humerus antix.

Wishing you are likewise, Mr. Ed.

I will fold myself up and stay,

Your depreciative reader,

HILOLI NOGO.

## A RADIO WIDOW

By RUTH DEAMER

My husband has a radio set,  
He's had it just a year,  
But if it stays another week—  
I'm going away from here.

I'm tired of taking second place,  
And don't see why I should;  
I'm going back to Mother's,  
For I know she'll treat me good.

We used to have just lots of fun  
Before he got this pest,  
And now that he's an amateur  
He's nutty like the rest.

A "ham" drops in most every night,  
Perhaps 6XYZ,  
Or some such silly person—  
Who has no use for me.

They turn the knobs, and twist the dials,  
Change the wires too,  
And wonder why—with single tubes  
They can't hear Kalamazoo.

Some one comes on with music,  
But as they start to play  
We skip from "Red Hot Mamma"  
To "The End of a Perfect Day."

A sermon or a recipe,  
It doesn't matter which,  
They're cut in two completely  
When the boys decide to switch.

They talk about grid-leaks,  
The rheostats, and such,  
And if I change the subject  
I'm sure "to get in Dutch."

Thus we spend our evenings—  
Or nearly every one,  
So I can't see just where and how  
I'm having any fun.

Since we don't go to dances  
I'm getting stiff—and say!  
If this keeps up I know for sure  
I'll soon be turning gray.

And so this world and then the next,  
But I hope where'er I go  
The place won't be all cluttered up  
With some old radio.



# "Station GFS"—A Christmas Story

By R. W. Shirey

FROM the time he was five—hours, not years, until he was twenty-five—years, not hours, Raymond Shaw treated his grandfather, whom he always referred to as "GFS," in a manner dictated by his mood. At times he snubbed the old man, then smiled at him like a May morning, or smote him like the March wind, all to suit his convenience and all for the same purpose, to get his own way.

Grandfather Shaw said if "Sonny" had been properly spanked, instead of spoiled all his life, he would have developed a proper respect for his elders. Had any one dared to suggest that it was he who had saved the boy from the needed spankings, the president of the Shaw Radio Manufacturing Corporation would roar them down. Roaring down people was his hobby.

It was in this environment that Raymond Shaw had passed through the years of childhood. Too much love and devotion had been bestowed upon him by his grandparents, who had taken him when he was left an orphan.

Today, years later, Raymond Shaw sat with bowed head. He could hardly comprehend the edict of banishment that bright December morning. Youth's heart does not turn bitter in an hour. There he sat in the office with the white haired grandfather. Always before "GFS" had dealt out the deserved praise and reproach, or a threat of pun-

ishment, which he never expected to fulfill. To be sure, none of the occasions had ever approached the seriousness of this one. It must be a dream that his grandfather, after speaking certain unforgiving decrees, had turned his back on him like something unclean, and sat staring blankly out of the window at the lineman tapping like some woodpecker on a nearby pole.

In the corner stood the open safe from which the money had been taken.

"Grandfather I can't let Old Hubbard go to jail just because he came in the office to fix a leaky radiator after you left to answer that long distance phone call from Denver. I was alone in the office a few minutes after you left. The safe was open and I took the money. I had some debts to pay. I thought you wouldn't miss the small amount, and besides I fully intended to pay it back."

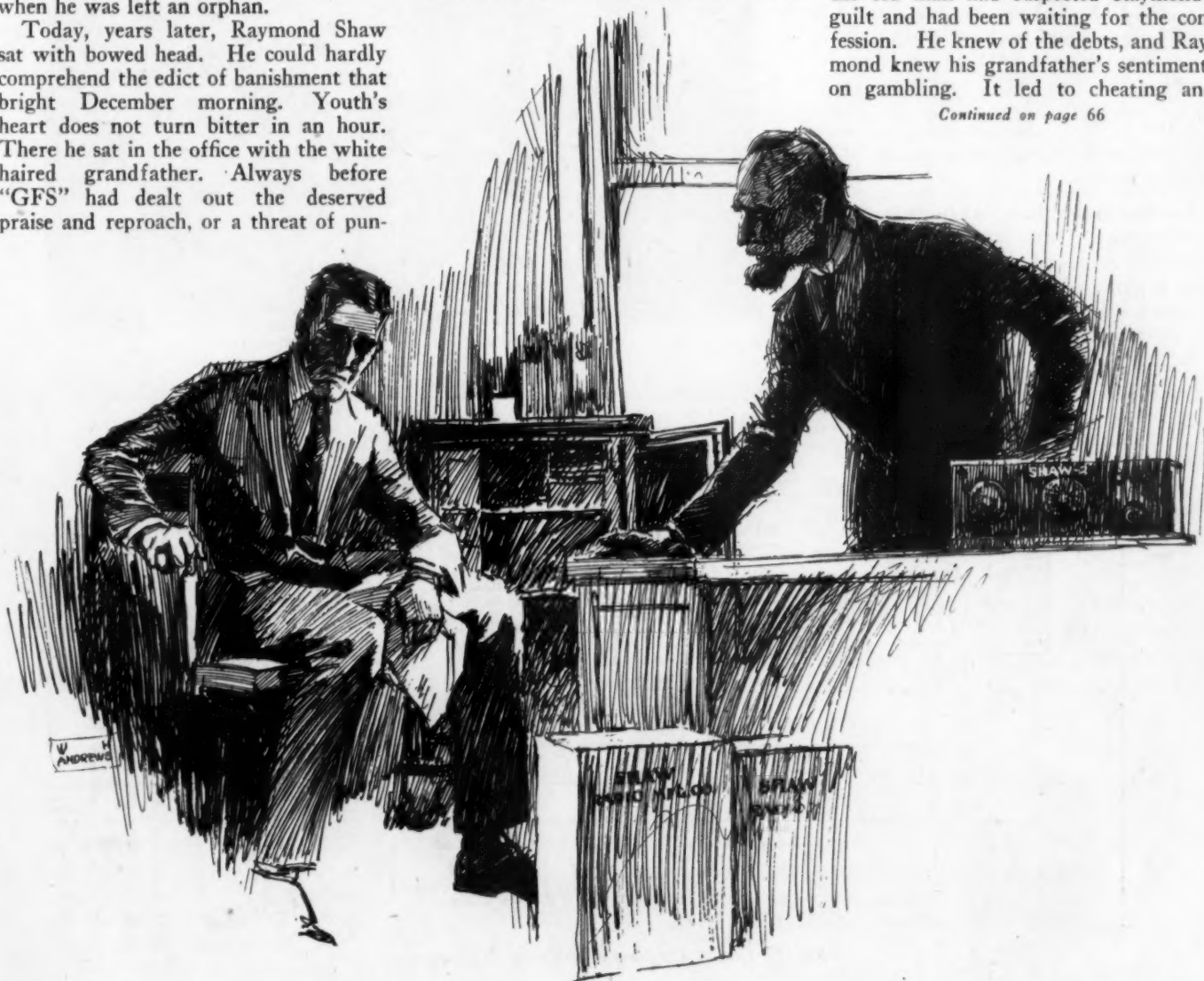
It was pity for old lady Hubbard and her daughter that caused him to confess. The old lady had been on the brink of nervous prostration at the horror of her

husband's being accused of theft and sent to jail. She knew that he was innocent, but crimes have been proven on innocent men, and they have had to pay the penalty. Young Miss Hubbard would have to give up her place in the high school if the disgrace was not removed. And, dash it all! it was Christmas time. He couldn't let it go on with the worry and sorrow that it was sure to bring them.

His grandfather would be aroused, of course, give him a lecture, fix a stiff penance, and then it would be hushed up. By and by it would all blow over, everything would be rosy for Old Hubbard, and none the worse for Raymond, especially if he walked the straight henceforth, which he fully expected to do now that he was engaged to the finest girl in Long Beach.

But this time "GFS" didn't play the expected part. For the sake of the family name he would hush the publicity, after enough had been published to clear Hubbard. But in his private judgment the old man had suspected Raymond's guilt and had been waiting for the confession. He knew of the debts, and Raymond knew his grandfather's sentiments on gambling. It led to cheating and

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# A Reflexed Neutrodyne

An Interesting Record of Experiments Which May Be Of Aid To Others Working On This Problem

By Philip N. Emigh

LIKE many others, I built a five-tube neutrodyne set using 15 and 65-turn transformers tuned with 11-plate condensers. While results were good, nevertheless I was not satisfied, as the extra equipment did not give much better signals than a standard three-tube regenerative set. I used a tuned antenna circuit and the four controls made it difficult for the younger members of the family to handle. Also the signals on the upper wavelengths, 450 to 550 meters, were weak. This I believed to be due to too much capacity in the tuning circuit.

After some experimenting, I found that a radio-frequency transformer wound with 91 turns on the secondary and 28 on the primary, tuned with a 7-plate condenser, gave a wavelength range of from 300 to 550 meters. This covered the Class B radio casting stations nicely. A primary or aerial coil of five turns was wound on the first transformer, and this, when used with my regular antenna, which is 400 ft. long and 100 ft. high, tuned to resonance by the click method at any point within the range of the set.

In building these radio-frequency transformers a little care is necessary. The outer tube or secondary may be cut to a length of 3 in. and is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. in diameter. The inner or primary is  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. in length by 3 in. in diameter.

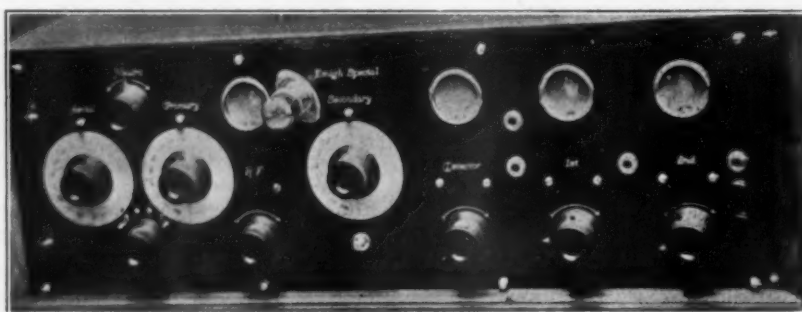


Fig. 1. Panel View of Reflexed Neutrodyne

Prestretched single silk-covered wire of 24 B. & S. gauge is used, and all coils are wound in the same direction and connected as shown in Fig. 3. The primary is inserted inside the secondary and is secured at the negative end of the latter. One stage of radio-frequency amplification now gave signals that were

satisfactory as to volume and clarity.

It was found that the neutralizing condenser  $C_4$  would have to be variable, as there was a strong tendency for the set to spill over. This condenser may be seen in Fig. 2 and in detail in Fig. 5. As it is very sensitive to body capacity effects, it was set over to one side and

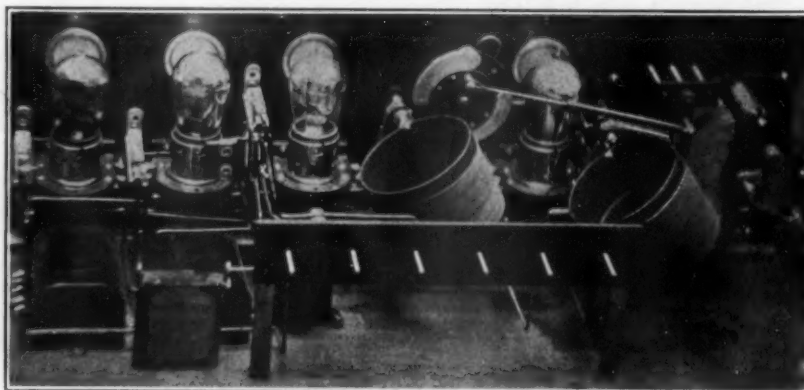


Fig. 2. Rear View of Reflexed Neutrodyne

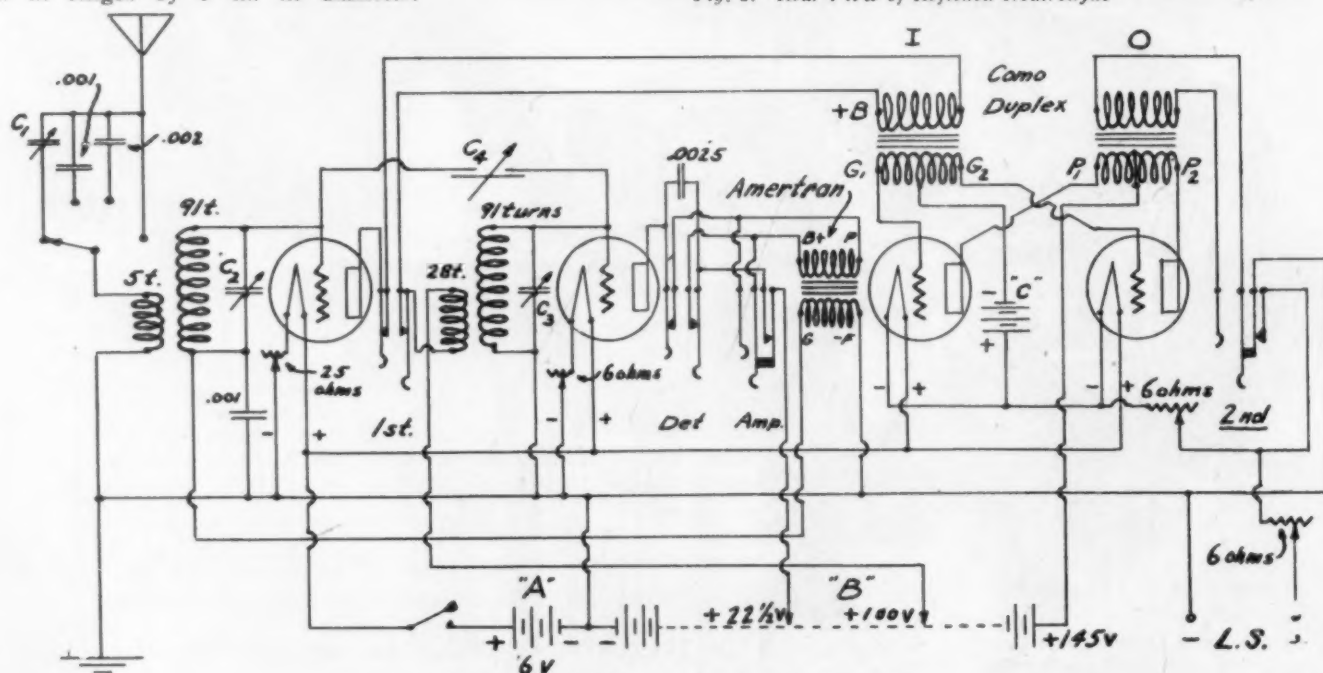


Fig. 3. Circuit Diagram of Reflexed Neutrodyne



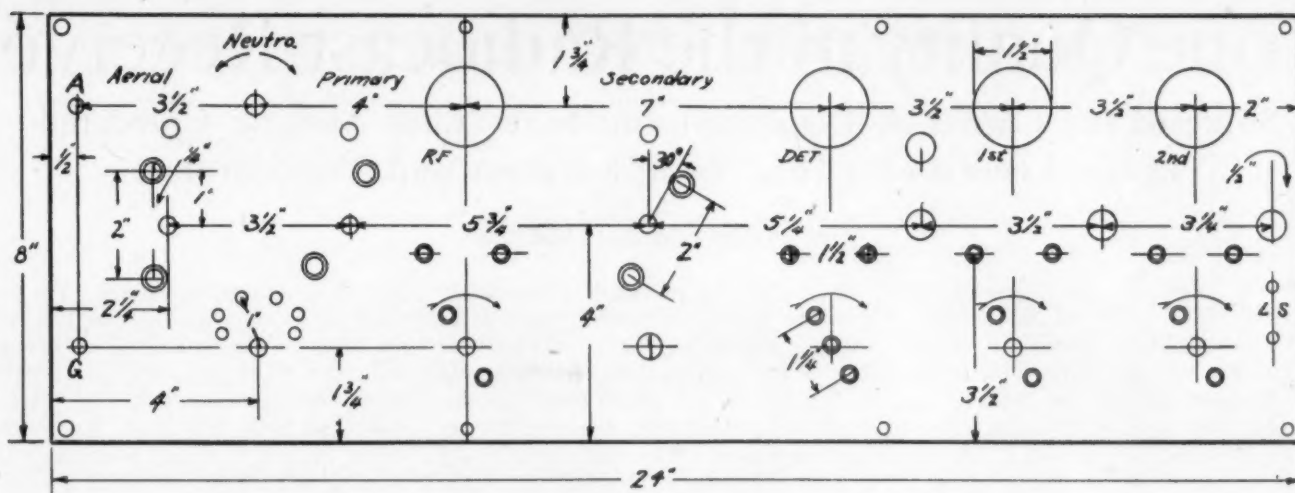


Fig. 4. Panel Layout

connected to the control knob by means of an insulated coupling rod. It was found that the operation of the set was vastly improved by removing the grid condenser from the detector circuit.

No biasing batteries were necessary to secure perfect rectification of incoming signals. Both UV-200 and 201A tubes were used as detectors with not much difference in results.

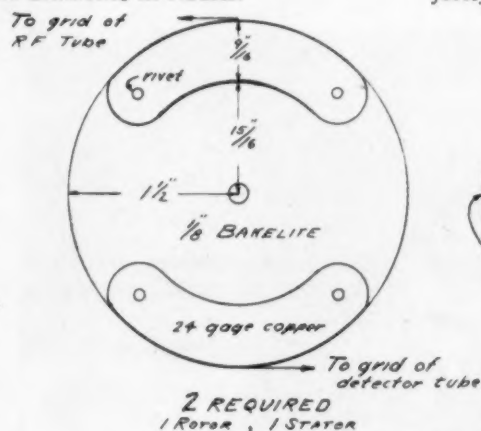


Fig. 5. Constructional Details

It was found that, while the UV-200 tube was very critical as regards plate voltage, the B battery could be eliminated, and, by attaching the former 22 1/2-volt lead to the positive of the A battery, very good signals could be obtained. This is on the Solodyne principle.

I now put in the first stage of audio-frequency amplification, reflexing the radio-frequency tube for this purpose. A .001 mfd. condenser was inserted between the former negative end of the secondary of the first radio-frequency transformer and the negative battery lead. This was the only extra condenser necessary.

I am indebted to Mr. M. B. Sleeper's hint in March, 1924 RADIO, "Connect the primary of the audio-frequency transformer between the plate and the second radio-frequency transformer." This is fine business and will sometimes cure an otherwise incurable howl.

Next, I added the second stage of

audio-frequency amplification, using push-pull transformers with two UV-201A tubes, controlled from one 6-ohm rheostat, with 145 volts on the plates and a 9-volt C battery on the grids. This combination was hard to beat.

With this set as now constructed, I have logged all but four of the Class B radio cast stations in the U. S., a majority of those in Canada; Havana,

Cuba; 2LO, London, England; and 2BD, Aberdeen, Scotland. A daylight range of 500 miles is consistently covered, while I have reached 900 miles under the same conditions.

For the benefit of those who may desire to build this set, I am giving a list of material which I used. Fig. 4 gives the panel layout, which is correct for the items listed.

- 1 Bakelite panel 8 in. x 24 in. x 1/4 in.
- 1 Cabinet with removable bottom.
- 4 6-ohm rheostats. Federal.
- 2 Closed-circuit jacks. Federal.
- 1 Filament control jack. Federal.
- 1 Open-circuit jack. Federal (rebuilt).
- 10 Large size binding posts.
- 2 Sleeper high ratio condensers, 7-plate (rebuilt).
- 1 Sleeper high-ratio condenser, 43-plate.
- Micon condensers as follows: 2 .001 mfd.; 1 .002 mfd.; 1 .0025 mfd.
- 1 Neutralizing condenser, C, Fig. 3 (home made).
- 1 A.F. transformer. Amertran A.F. 6.
- 1 Pair como-duplex push-and-pull A.F. transformers.
- 4 Paragon panel mounting sockets.
- 3 3-in. Somerville metal dials.
- 9 Somerville knobs, small size.
- 1 Cutler-Hammer switch.
- 1 Cutler-Hammer 25-ohm resistance.
- 1 C battery, 9 volts.
- 4 Contact points, 2 switch stops, 1 switch arm.
- 2 Pieces Bakelite 10 3/4 in. x 1 1/2 in. x 3/16 in. (terminal mounting).
- Nos. 12 and 14-ga. bus wire, spaghetti, screws, bezels.
- 1/4 in. round brass rod, 1/4 in. round fibre, etc.
- 2 Pieces Bakelite tubing 3 in. long x 3 1/2 in. diameter.
- 2 Pieces Bakelite tubing 1 1/4 in. long x 3 in. diameter.
- 1/4 Pound No. 24 B & S gauge SSC magnet wire.

Fig. 1 shows the front view of the set. The switch arm and contacts at the lower left hand control the series antenna condensers. With this arm at the left as shown, the .001 mfd. variable is cut in series. At the next point a .001 Micon is added. At the next .002 Micon is cut in, while the last point cuts

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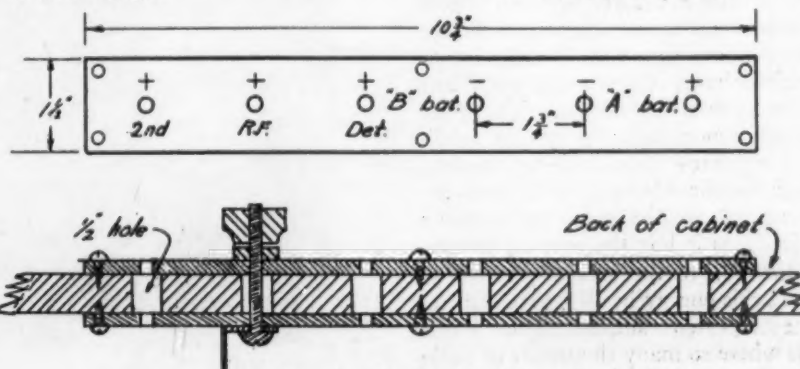


Fig. 6. Terminal Board

# Tone Quality in the Radiocast Receiver

Some of the Causes of Distortion and How They May Be Corrected  
in the Choice of Tubes, Loud Speakers and Transformers

*By Maurice Buchbinder*

THE foremost consideration in judging a radio set is undoubtedly quality—quality of sound and faithful reproduction. This is the chief consideration in any musical instrument, whether it be a piano, phonograph or neutrodyne receiver. For this reason, in purchasing or constructing a broadcast receiver, we should know just what elements go to make up musical quality, just wherein we may economize and wherein the best that the market affords is possibly not quite good enough.

There is one simple principle of sound which lies at the basis of the whole subject. An orchestra is made up of many instruments, some being very high pitched like the piccolo and first violins, some very low pitched like the bass violas, cellos and drums. The range of pitch on frequency is probably from as low as 20 to as high as 4,000 cycles vibrations per second. In the same way the note emitted by any one instrument is made up of a single frequency, what we call the pitch, plus a series of higher frequencies, twice, three times, four times, and so on as high, called the overtones or harmonics. It is the presence of these higher harmonics which gives the tone individuality, and which enables us to distinguish a violin from a piano playing the same note, or a soprano from a tenor singing the same note. Finally, speech consists of a very complicated mixture of tones of very many frequencies, some of long, some of short duration, some of great, some of minute intensity. Yet every one of these frequencies is necessary if we are to recognize the quality of the voice and if it is to sound natural instead of nasal, falsetto, throaty or even entirely blurred and meaningless.

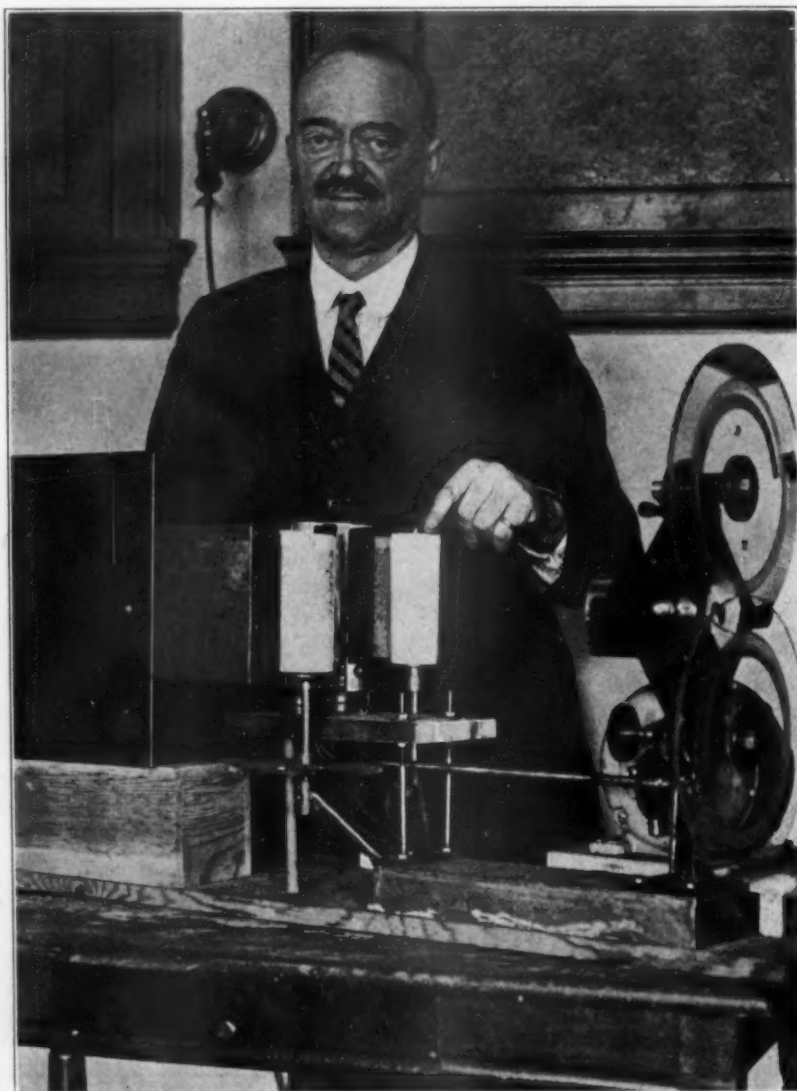
The quality of sound leaving the throat of the loud speaker depends upon the transmitter as well as receiver characteristics. The problem of transmitter design consists in preserving every one of the frequencies originally present in the studio. This means careful attention to the microphone, the speech amplifiers and the modulation system. There are great differences between station qualities, but many transmitting stations throughout the United States now deliver energy to the receiving antenna practically as it left the original source. It is then up to the receiving outfit to preserve this energy in all its frequencies despite repeated amplification. Right here is where so many thousands of radio expectations are ruined; the radio waves become adulterated in the receiver.

It is a matter of common experience that the quality of sound received in the head phones is generally much better than in the loud speaker. Many people for this reason are apt to prefer clamping their phones over the ears rather than miss words here and there owing to horn distortion. This fact is true no matter what the type of set, whether it has straight detection, regeneration or radio frequency amplification. For this reason we may conclude that mere detection or radio amplification brings in no noticeable distortion. Only when the set tends to oscillate as with unneutral neutrodynes or non-stabilized r. f. sets is there a peculiar hollowness of sound or even downright distortion.

In general we may assume that after detection the sound is clear and natural,

full of its original overtones. Yet after the two audio stages are applied, only too often do we get most unsatisfactory and discouraging results. Speech in bad cases becomes distorted, high pitched voices are thin and nasal, low pitched voices carry a fringe of roughness, and, worst of all, the full orchestra is reduced to its highest pitched instruments, the lowest pitches having become inaudible or sounding like dull thuds. Very often when a certain note is reached by the instrument or singer, the whole receiving system swells in a tremendous and ear-bursting resonant echo. These distressing distortions are conceivably caused by any or all of the vital elements of the audio frequency amplifying system, the tubes, the loud speaker and the transformers.

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Henry Miller Photo

C. Francis Jenkins and His Apparatus for Radio Projection of Photographs  
Radio Station 6BBQ



# Electric Filters

## An Elementary Explanation of Their Purpose and Performance with Special Reference to Their Action as Wave Traps

By Jesse Marsten

A GOOD insight into the physical properties and behavior of electric filters can be obtained from a consideration of the resistance and reactance characteristics of the elements composing a filter circuit. These elements are an inductance formed by a coil of wire and a capacity formed by a condenser. Their reactance or opposition to the flow of an electric current varies with the frequency of the current and their filter action is directly due to this reactance variation.

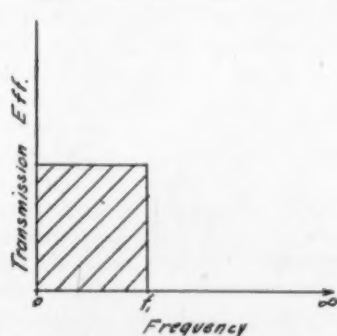


Fig. 1. Characteristics of Low Pass Filter

The best idea of the action can be secured by a comparison with an ordinary water filter which retains or excludes all solid particles so as to let clear water pass through it.

The classification of electric filters depends upon the range of frequencies admitted or excluded by the filter. If the filter admits all currents having frequencies lower than any arbitrary frequency  $f_1$ , but excludes all currents having frequencies above  $f_1$  it is called a "low pass" filter. Fig. 1 represents the behavior of a low pass filter, the shaded area showing that currents having frequencies lower than  $f_1$  are passed while the unshaded area above frequency  $f_1$  shows that these currents are not passed by the filter. Then there is the filter which admits all currents having frequencies higher than any arbitrary frequency  $f_1$ , but which excludes all currents having frequencies lower than  $f_1$ . This filter is called a "high pass" filter since it transmits only the higher range of frequencies. Fig. 2 shows the relative behavior of such a filter, the shaded area again designating the range of frequencies which are passed, the unshaded area the range of frequencies excluded.

These two types of filters admit or exclude currents at either one end of the frequency range or the other. Thus the low pass filter admits from zero fre-

quency up to  $f_1$ , and the high pass filter admits from infinite frequency down to  $f_1$ . There is also a filter which admits a band of frequencies from any arbitrary frequency  $f_1$  to any other arbitrary frequency  $f_2$  in the middle of the frequency range. Such a filter is called a "band pass filter." Fig. 3 shows the performance of this filter the shaded area representing the band of frequencies admitted, while on either side of it are the unshaded areas representing the frequencies not admitted. There is likewise the

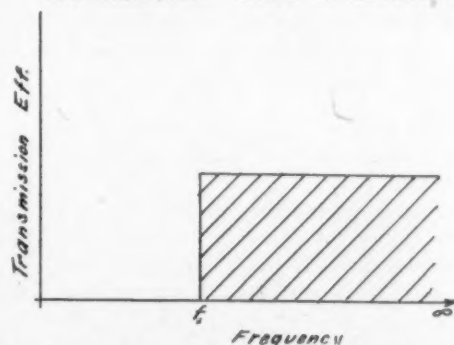


Fig. 2. Characteristics of High Pass Filter

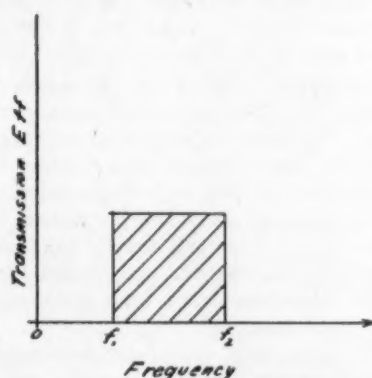


Fig. 3. Characteristics of Band Pass Filter

filter which excludes a band of frequencies from any arbitrary frequency  $f_1$  to any other arbitrary frequency  $f_2$  in the middle of the frequency range, while it admits all currents having frequencies outside of this band. Such a filter is called a "band exclusion filter." Fig. 4 shows the performance of this filter, the unshaded area representing the band of frequencies from  $f_1$  to  $f_2$  excluded by the filter, while on either side of it are the shaded areas representing the frequencies passed by the filter.

The above represent the basic types of filters. Combinations of these may be used. Thus we may have a filter which passes a band of frequencies from  $f_2$  to  $f_3$ , and at the same time passes all

frequencies below  $f_1$ . Or we may have a filter which passes two bands, or admits one band of frequencies and excludes another band, and so on.

INDUCTANCE. The reactance of an inductance coil is directly proportional to the frequency. Its reactance characteristic is therefore a straight line and looks like Fig. 5, which shows that its re-

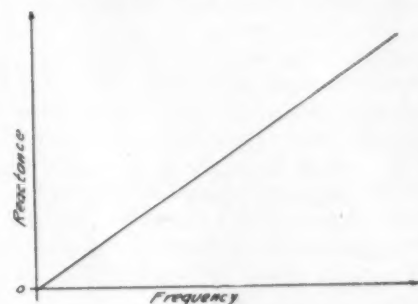


Fig. 5. Reactance Curve of an Inductance

actance is zero at zero frequency (direct current) and increases with frequency. Any circuit element may be connected either in series or in parallel with the

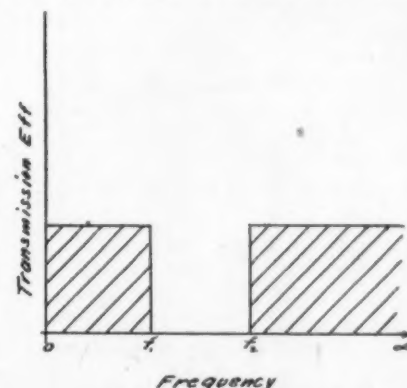


Fig. 4. Characteristics of Band Exclusion Filter

source of voltage. Suppose we have an inductance  $L$  connected in series with the source of voltage as in Fig. 6(a), and assume that the source of voltage furnishes current at all frequencies. Since the inductance has a very low reactance at the lower frequencies it is evident that low frequency currents will be passed, whereas the high frequency currents will not be passed so easily, since the reactance of  $L$  increases very rapidly with the frequency. Thus a series inductance behaves in effect as a low pass filter, though there is no sharply defined point where it completely cuts off the high frequencies. The higher the frequency of the current the more the inductance excludes it.

Suppose now that the inductance  $L$  is connected in parallel with the source of voltage, as in Fig. 6(b). Here the inductance behaves as a short circuit at the low frequencies, for its reactance at these frequencies is very low. Thus the low frequency currents are shorted or

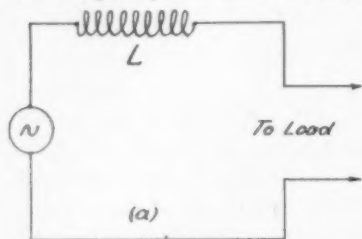


Fig. 6. (a) Series Connection of Inductance

source of voltage as in Fig. 8(a). At zero frequency or direct current its reactance is infinite, hence it stops or excludes this current completely. At the lower frequencies its reactance is very high, as shown by Fig. 7, hence it excludes currents of low frequency. At

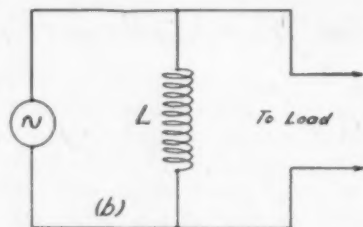


Fig. 6. (b) Parallel Connection of Inductance

by-passed, preventing them from going to the load. At the high frequencies, on the other hand, the reactance of  $L$  is so great that the high frequency currents pass to the load rather than through the high reactance of  $L$ . Thus the shunt inductance behaves in effect as a high pass filter. Here again there is no sharply defined frequency at which the low frequencies are cut off. The effect in both the series and shunt connection is a gradual one, the effect varying with the frequency.

Inductance effects, then, are these: Series inductance stops high frequencies and passes low. Shunt inductance stops low frequencies and passes high.

CAPACITY. The reactance of a con-

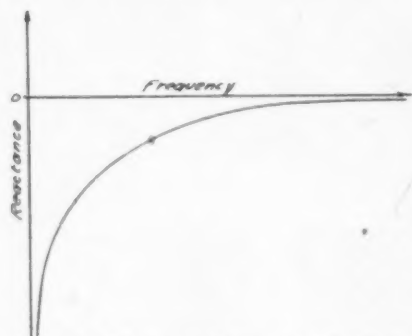


Fig. 7. Reactance Curve of Condenser

denser is inversely proportional to frequency, therefore its frequency characteristic looks like Fig. 7, which shows that its reactance is a maximum at zero frequency (direct current) and decreases with increasing frequency. Its filtering effect should therefore be the opposite to that of an inductance. Suppose that a condenser is connected in series with our

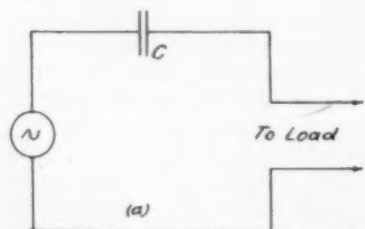


Fig. 8. (a) Series Connection of Condenser

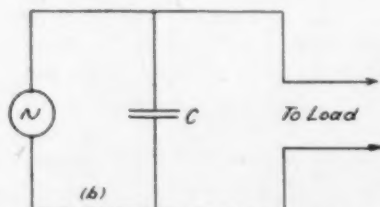


Fig. 8. (b) Parallel Connection of Condenser

the high frequencies, however, its reactance is very low, hence it passes the high frequencies. Thus a series condenser behaves in effect as a high pass filter. As with the inductance the effect is not a sudden one, but a gradual one, there being no sharply defined frequency where it begins to cut off the lower frequencies.

Suppose now that the condenser is connected in parallel with our source of voltage as in Fig. 8(b). At the low frequencies where the reactance of the condenser is very great no current will pass through the shunt condenser, but will pass on to the load. At the high frequencies, on the other hand, where the reactance of the condenser is very low the current will be shunted through the condenser and will be prevented from passing to the load. The condenser behaves as a short circuit to the higher frequencies. Thus a shunt condenser behaves in effect as a low pass filter. Again the effect is a gradual one there being no sharp line of demarcation between the low and high frequencies.

Summarizing capacity effects then, we have the following: Series condenser stops low frequencies and passes high. Shunt condenser stops high frequencies and passes low.

It is thus seen that both inductances and capacities have properties which lend themselves to filter action. However, as noted above, there is no definite point where an inductance or a capacity, either taken alone, begins to filter. It therefore is necessary to use these units in conjunction with one another to secure sharper filtering action. When these circuit elements are used together to

form filters the filter will be found to have a series element and a shunt element, and the filter is so arranged that the action of the series element is opposite to that of the shunt element.

Thus Fig. 9 represents a typical simple low pass filter, such as is used in

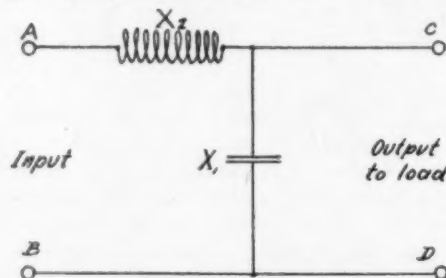


Fig. 9. Low Pass Filter

eliminating commutator hum from a d. c. generator. The series element is the inductance, and the shunt element is the capacity. The input voltage is applied to  $AB$  and the output voltage appears at  $CD$  after passing through the filter. This filter will suppress all the high frequencies and pass only the low and the values of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  determine just at what frequency it begins to pass the low frequencies.

The action of this low pass filter is as follows: The series inductance  $L$  tends to suppress the high frequencies due to its high reactance, while it passes the low frequencies. The shunt capacity aids this action by behaving in an opposite manner, letting through the high frequencies, since the reactance of a condenser is low at high frequencies. But since the condenser is shunting the source of voltage, the high frequencies are in effect short circuited by the condenser and not passed on to the load. At the same time it offers a high reactance to the low frequencies, which are thus passed on to the load. The opposite actions of series and shunt elements to current of a given frequency are thus seen to aid in filtering.

The exact point at which a filter begins to function depends upon the values of the circuit elements, and by properly proportioning them any desired filtering action may be secured. Thus in the case of the low pass filter of Fig. 9, if we make  $L$  and  $C$  large enough the filter can be made so it will not pass currents of any frequency above 0, that is, it will only pass d. c. This is the case with good d. c. generator hum filters.

Fig. 10 represents one section of a high

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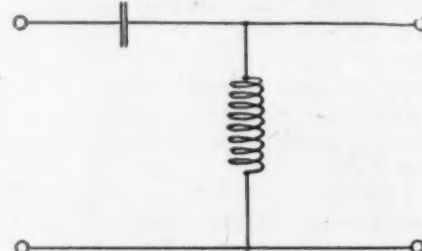


Fig. 10. High Pass Filter



# Pointers on Radio Construction

## A Tape Recorder from Odds and Ends

By A. Gael Simson

Doubtless every experimenter and amateur has at some time wished for a tape recorder but has been appalled at the price. As a matter of fact, a potential recorder lies in almost everyone's "junk" box. Fig. 1 shows a recorder constructed from odds and ends, and is largely self-explanatory. Apparently

of two rubber bands, as shown in Fig. 1. The tape guides are brass parts from old Ford coils.

Fig. 2 gives the pen detail. The pen from a Taylor Instrument Company Thermograph was used but any siphon pen or recorder pen would work as well. The pen arm is a piece of steel corset

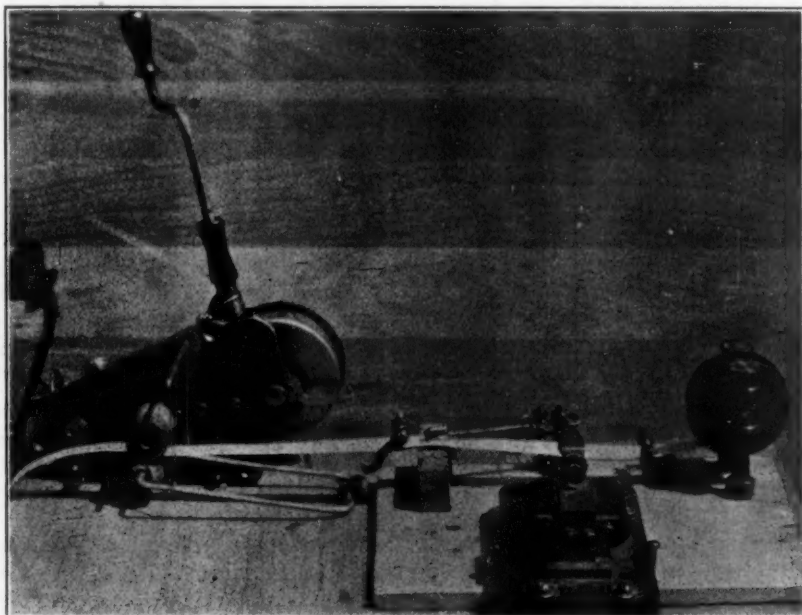


Fig. 1. Recorder

it works as well as a commercial recorder save that it lacks the automatic starting and stopping feature.

The movement is the works from an old Stewart phonograph. An Edison cylinder Graphophone would probably be better. However, with the governor set for a speed of 2 ft. per minute, the Stewart will run over an hour with one winding. On the drive shaft is a common spool wound with a couple of dozen thin rubber bands. After driving the spool on the shaft it is well to pour sufficient melted sulphur in the end of the spool to insure its remaining "put." The idler is another spool with the flanges whittled off and the ends beveled. Tension is maintained on the idler by means

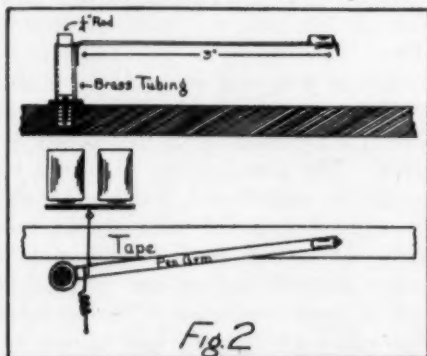


Fig. 2. Recorder Pen Details

stay  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. wide and 3 in. long. One end is bent and soldered to a short length of brass tubing 1 in. long and just large enough to slip snugly over the quarter inch brass upright. The pen arm is connected to the armature of a small pony relay by means of a short piece of No. 28 copper wire. A sounder or even a rewired buzzer would be just as practicable.

The tape spool mounting is merely two large binding posts spaced  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. apart with a nail thrust through the wire holes. A piece of heavy tin the size of a full spool of tape is placed on each side of the tape roll and allowed to turn freely with the tape. Having no regular tape available, the writer used adding machine tape hack-sawed into  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. widths.

Although designed primarily to record static impulses, yet with a detector, one audio amplifier and a one-tube push-pull through a Wheatstone relay, Federal Telegraph high speed transmission was recorded without difficulty. Forty-five-volt plate battery and UV201-A tubes were used throughout.

The recorder is well worth building, if only to use it as a check-up on one's "fist." It certainly will show up unsuspected weak points in key work.

## END-TURN DEAD-END SWITCH

By HARRY A. NICKERSON

The purpose of end-turn switch is to disconnect a portion of a large coil so that the balance of the coil may be used at will. The type here described is both simple and effective and costs but a few cents and a little ingenuity. It may be placed on the ordinary panel and takes but little more room than the usual switch lever and switch points.

Fig. 1 represents a top view of the switch and the manner of its connection. While only three switch points are shown a greater number may be used. The length of the switch lever may, of course, be increased in order to accommodate a considerable number of the points in a semi-circle.

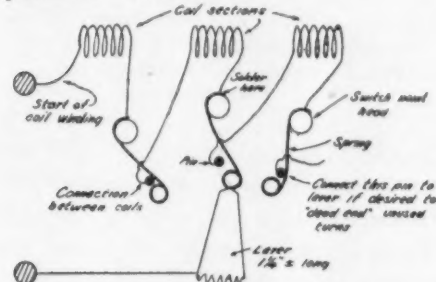


Fig. 1. Switch Connections

The heads of the switch points should be fairly thick. Below each point, say  $\frac{3}{8}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. down, is inserted in the panel a small pin or stop about the diameter of a piece of bus-bar wire. A 2-56 machine screw with head cut off makes an excellent stop, and if threaded into the panel will be all that could be asked for.

To the side of each switch-point head is to be soldered a piece of flat brass spring (or phosphor bronze preferred). This spring should be as wide as the switch-point head is deep and should be bent at each end as Fig. 1 shows. It should have sufficient tension so it can be readily pushed aside by the switch lever but will rest against the stop when the switch lever moves away from the spring.

Let us suppose we have a 75-turn rotor of a variocoupler, divided into three separate parts of 25 turns each, which we wish to switch in and out of a circuit. The switch connections may be made as follows:

The first pin at the left is connected to the start of the second of the three coil windings (turn 26). The first switch point is connected to the end of the first winding (turn 25). 25 and 26 are not connected together. The second pin is connected to turn 50; the second switch point to turn 50; 51 and 50 are not connected together. 75 is connected to the third or right hand switch point.

It will be apparent that when the switch lever is turned so it will move the spring away from the first switch stop (to which it normally is in contact), that only 25 turns will be in circuit and the balance of the coil will be disconnected.

If it is desired that the unused portion of the whole coil be at all times "dead-ended," the switch lever should be connected to the last or right-hand small stop.

The final series of turns may alone be dead-ended by the method indicated in

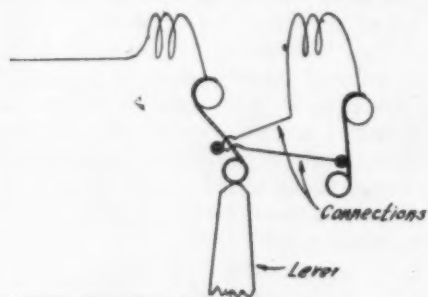


Fig. 2. Connections for Dead-Ending Final Turns

Fig. 2. The tendency to use fewer taps on coupler stators is now marked, and where two taps will suffice to cover the broadcast wave length when just the right number of turns are wound on the stator and the proper size of variable condenser used, in the usual "standard single circuit regenerative" set, the two-point switch shown in Fig. 2 works out admirably for the purpose.

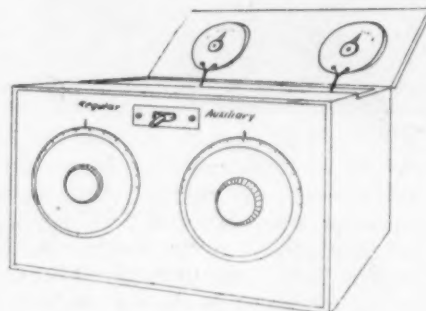
As to whether dead-ending a coil is of advantage,—it has been the writer's experience that the effect is two-fold: the inductance of the intermediate tapped portions of the coil was cut down and there was usually a slight gain in signal strength. As to the gain in signal strength, that is a matter for the set-builder to determine with the particular set at hand. The connection shown in Fig. 2 offers a ready means for comparing the two effects, providing the connecting wire between the two stops is run outside the panel of the set, allowing it to be connected or disconnected at will. Note that Fig. 2 allows the dead-ending of only the last of a series of turns on a coil, while connecting the last stop at the right (Fig. 1) to the lever allows of dead-ending all intermediate unused parts of the coil, provided a contact spring is merely in contact with the lever and not pushed away from the stop against which it normally rests.

## A LABOR SAVING TUNER

By KEITH LA BAR

In many of the broadcasting stations there is someone who has the singularly interesting job of regulating the energy allowed to pass from the microphone to the modulator tubes. Sitting with his eye on a swaying needle, he tones down the noise from the Shattering Sixteen Saxes to the volume produced by their rivals, Simply Six. The almost inaudible lisps of the child prodigy are electrically reinforced, giving, as has been carefully calculated, a voice equal to the power of forty horses.

In many of our homes there is a person who holds a somewhat similar position, although not quite as willingly. The duties of the job are a bit different. All music is allowed to pass unchallenged, but upon the arrival of a dear little poem, dry speech, feeble joke, or other matter wearisome to the listeners he must instantly tune in another station. As the programs are a little of everything, this unpaid and usually unsought job is a very busy one and one calculated to call forth violent remarks.



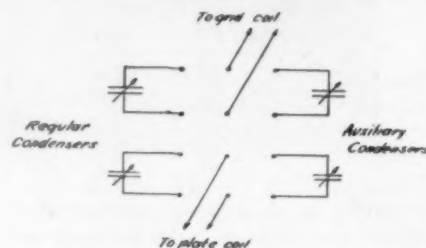
A Labor Saving Tuner

The inquiring mind naturally seeks a mechanical way out of the difficulty. A quicker method of changing from station A to station B must be found than merely twirling the dials. The most obvious plan is to use two receiving sets, but our frail and frottering pocketbook raises a weak hand in protest. An eastern manufacturer several years ago produced a set that had two separate tuners, either being available by the throw of a switch. This is a good idea, but our set is already built and the cabinet will not stand the insertion of very much more junk.

The most practicable plan seems to be to use a switch to change from one station to another by means of additional tuning controls that are always tuned to a single broadcasting station, which is

thereby available on demand by cutting out of two regular variable condensers and switching in the two additional ones. The original tuning condensers of the set may be used to tune in any other broadcasting station. When this station fails to give satisfaction one can instantly switch to the permanently tuned station and thereby quickly judge which is the lesser of the two evils. If the second station plays you false, after a few minutes the first station may be restored as the family's friend with nothing more than the throw of a switch. No re-tuning and twirling of the dials. No more heated arguments as to whether you have succeeded in getting it in as loud as it was before.

We must confess that this idea is good only on sets that have for the variable tuning controls two variable condensers. These are switched out of the circuit and two others are switched in to take their place. Putting two more condensers into the well filled cabinet presents difficulties, but they can be overcome. The most compact variable condenser for our purpose is the Dublier Variadon, or any other kind similarly constructed, which are flat and take up but little room. They are mounted on the under side of the lid of the cabinet



Circuit Diagram for Auxiliary Tuner

(see illustration), and when it is desired to tune these condensers, the lid is merely raised and they are immediately available. After being tuned to a station the lid goes down and they wait for the time that the switch calls them into action. The Federal anti-capacity four-pole double-throw switch is mounted at the top of the panel, and is connected to this set of condensers by flexible leads.

If one desired, he might build a set that would have a number of pairs of condensers, with a switch for each pair, one pair for each local station operating. Then there would be no tuning to do except at first, and it would be almost a fool proof set. Merely throw the switch corresponding to the station desired. The actual design of such a set would be complicated, but could easily be attempted if the need should ever arise for such a set. It will take a lazier person than we are to produce such a super tunable set. We are satisfied with a set that will tune to two stations at once.



# A Low-Loss Transmitter

An Unusually Complete Account of Constructional Details for the Guidance of the First-Timer

By Alexander Maxwell, 9BRE-6CKG

THE trend for some time has been toward low-loss receivers, and the same principles may be applied to the transmitter with an increase of distance covered and traffic handled. The reason many of the present-day sets are not more efficient is that the parts are laid out without regard to system. The radio-frequency current, which should go to the antenna, sneaks back into the power line, or gets lost in some of the "grapevine" wiring.

The ideal transmitter is one that is suspended in mid-air, with nothing denser near it. The next best thing is to place it as near in mid-air as possible by means of a skeleton rack set in the middle of the room. Inductive coupling should be used to minimize losses, eliminate swinging, deaden key clicks, and sharpen the wave.

The mounting rack can be made from scrap lumber. See the plans for assembling and the bill of material for pieces needed. Great care must be taken in joining. The set weighs close to 100 pounds, and a single weak place may mean two new tubes, to the tune of sixty dollars. Do not use nails, for they do not clinch and the rack will be rickety. Long wood screws are better. Put one in each joint and then fasten a small angle bracket on the inner side for added strength. It costs only a few cents more and the results are easily worth it.

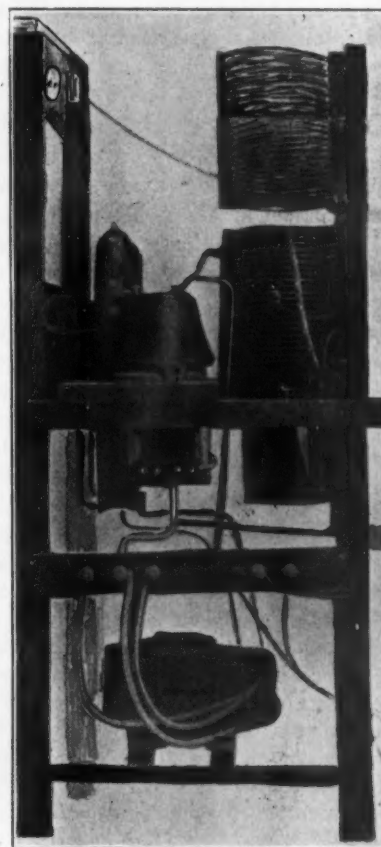
## Bill of material:

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|--------------|---------------------|
| 1 2x2x42 in. | 1 8x16x1 in. Maple. |
| 2 2x2x26 in. | 2 Panels 6x14 in.   |
| 5 1x2x16 in. | 1 Panel 2x18 in.    |
| 2 1x2x18 in. | 1 Panel 1x6 in.     |
| 2 1x2x19 in. | Screws.             |
| 2 1x1x25 in. | Angle Irons.        |

Black insulating paint such as is used on motors and outlet boxes is best. It should contain neither lead nor carbon. Beware of any paint of uncertain make; it may contain conductive minerals. Linseed oil or hot paraffin may be substituted. They will not look so pleasing, but they will exclude moisture, and that is the main object of the paint.

The following parts were used in building the author's set:

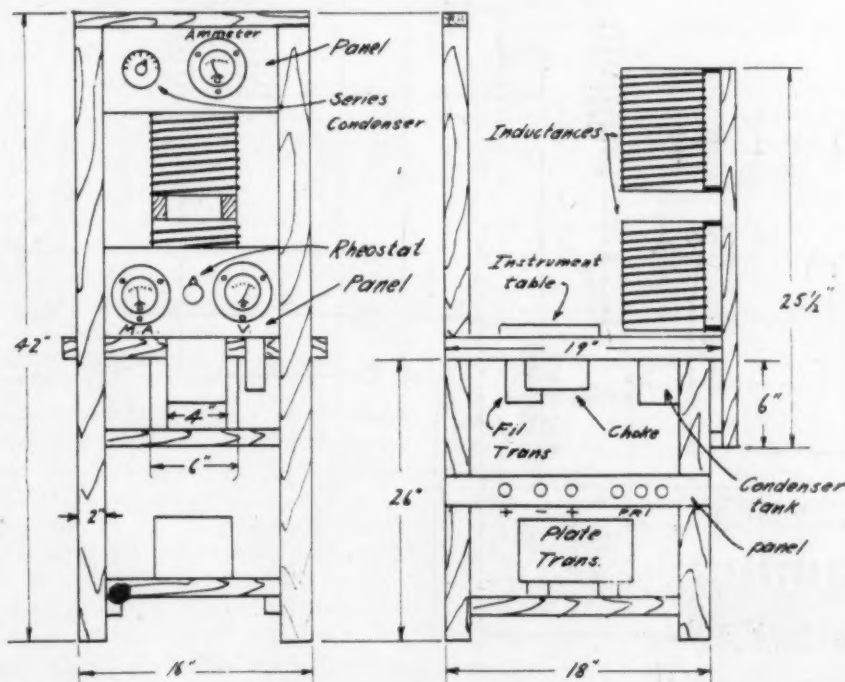
- 2 50-watt tubes.
- 2 RCA sockets.
- 3 UC 1014 condensers (grid and bypass).
- 1 UP 1718 grid leak.
- 2 UL 1655 Rf chokes.
- 2 Rca Inductances.
- 1 Coto Variable condenser (primary tuning).
- 1 Cardwell 21-plate condenser (antenna series).
- 2 .002 fixed condensers (filament bypass).
- 1 Acme 5-henry choke.
- 1 Thor. 300-watt, 12-volt fil. trans.
- 1 UP 1016 plate trans.
- 1 PT 557 rheostat.
- 1 0-10 Jewell T.C. ammeter.
- 1 0-15 Jewell A.C. voltmeter.
- 1 0-800 Jewell Milliammeter (safety first, hi).
- 1 Key.
- 1 S.P.S.T. knife switch.
- 1 Coffee can or battery jar.
- 1 quart transil oil.



Side View of Low-Loss Transmitter

There are others, which will give equal service, which may be on hand or more convenient to obtain. The best policy is to look for quality and careful workmanship, and not for bargains.

Two small panels are used,—one for the antenna ammeter and the series condenser, and the other for the voltmeter, rheostat and milliammeter. By this method the a.f. and r.f. circuits are kept still apart. Hard rubber panels are the best insulation and the easiest to drill. If the builder has access to an expansion bit, cutting the holes for the meters is a small job. If he has not, then he must resort to the slow and tiresome method of drilling around the circumference of a circle. Great care must be taken, as the rubber is liable to shatter if treated roughly. To drill a few holes and then rest a while, is the best plan, and, above all things, don't try to speed the drill. Cut out the core of the circle with a sharp knife and smooth the rough edges with a rat-tail file. The panels may be either sunk flush with the frame or set on the surface, depending on the ambition of the builder.

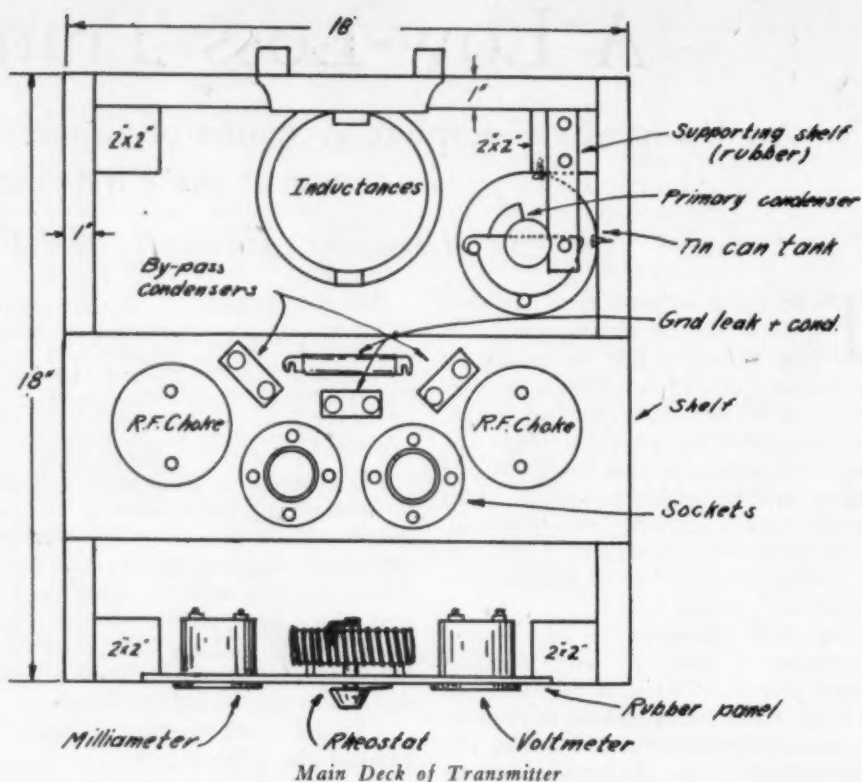


Constructional Diagram of Frame

The tubes are mounted on a shelf set on the framework just back of the a.f. panel, but far enough so that at least an inch of space is between the meters and tubes. For convenience, the grid condenser and leak, the by-pass condensers, and the r.f. chokes are placed there. For the same reason, the filament transformer is hung upside down on the under side of the shelf. As about twenty-five pounds are to be supported by the shelf, rubber is not to be trusted. Birdseye maple has a high dielectric constant. A piece of it boiled in oil and then dried is ideal.

The inductances are fastened to the backboard by means of screws driven in through the bottom. It is best to space them a little way apart, because the set works better with loose coupling, and then the operator won't be tempted to jam. There is no need of having one variable, because coupling may be changed by simply moving the clips on the secondary. Remember that here the o.t. is the same as in the old spark sets: the primary is the business end and the secondary is hooked to the aerial and counterpoise.

The primary tuning condenser is the only sloppy instrument in the set. If high power is used, and a triple-spaced condenser of sufficient capacity cannot be obtained, then the condenser used will have to be oil-immersed. The best container is a glass jar from an old primary battery, but a tin coffee can will do, if it is large enough to allow at least an inch clearance on all sides. The can or jar is mounted in the right-hand rear



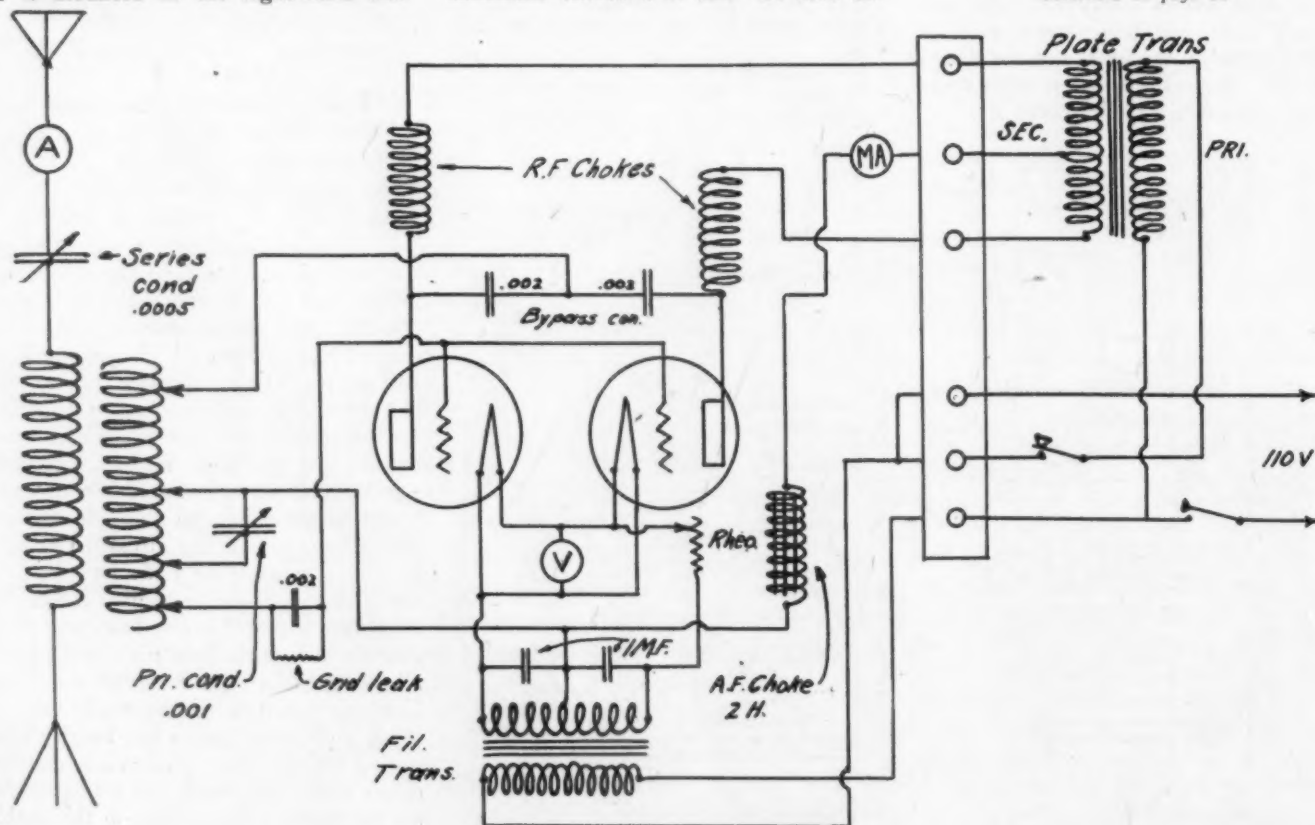
of the main deck. Here it is in such a position articles will not be liable to fall into it, and still it is close enough to the inductance to allow short leads to the condenser. The mounting for the condenser need not be elaborate. A single strip of hard rubber fastened to the condenser by means of one of the mounting screws, and then screwed to the wooden framework is sufficient. This will hold it rigid and still have the minimum dielectric in use. Be sure the

connections are soldered well, for oil is a good insulator.

The plate transformer is mounted on the lower deck. Here it is out of the way, and also serves as ballast to the set.

The rubber strip extending across the starboard side contains all the binding posts. There are three for the 110-volt input, allowing one for keying in the primary of the plate transformer, and three for the high voltage. The leads

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# How to Install a Transmitter

## Practical Directions for Tuning a Hartley Oscillator With a Dummy Antenna

By Richard F. Shea

MANY heart-breaking disappointments may be avoided in the installation of the transmitter by observing a few simple rules. First, assemble your apparatus as an oscillator with a dummy antenna, consisting of a variable condenser and a resistance. This means temporarily eliminating the regular antenna and the filter system.

Fig. 1 shows the Hartley circuit, a

we would have an easy time adjusting our inductance in accordance with the variation in capacitance in order to keep the same wave. However, we can just make a shot at it and get any combination of  $L$  and  $C$ .

The next step is to vary  $L_g$  and  $L_p$  until we finally get an indication on the antenna ammeter in series with  $C$  and  $R$ . If no value of  $L_g$  and  $L_p$  give us this radiation, we are tuned too high,

amperes at 1000 volts in the plate circuit, we are putting 100 watts into our set; and, if  $R$  is 10 ohms and the meter about 2 ohms, and we have a radiation of 2 amperes, then our output is  $I^2 R = 4 \times 12 = 48$  watts, and we are getting nearly 50% efficiency. This is the greatest efficiency obtainable, as the tube is only 50% efficient at its best, and so we can tell how good our set is by how close we come to 50% efficiency.

We can try various values of  $R$  and will note that the efficiency is practically the same with each one, the product of  $I^2 \times R$  being practically constant.

Having constructed and tuned our oscillator, we now erect our antenna. Since the efficiency is independent of the antenna resistance, our best antenna will be one which will radiate the most energy for a given input, or, in other words, one which has the highest ratio of radiation resistance to total resistance. This would seem to indicate the use of a large antenna with a series condenser to bring the fundamental down below the working wave.

Having erected an aerial, the next step should be to measure its resistance and apparent capacitance at various waves. I favor a bridge circuit with which to make these measurements rather than the old resistance-variation method. The connections are shown in

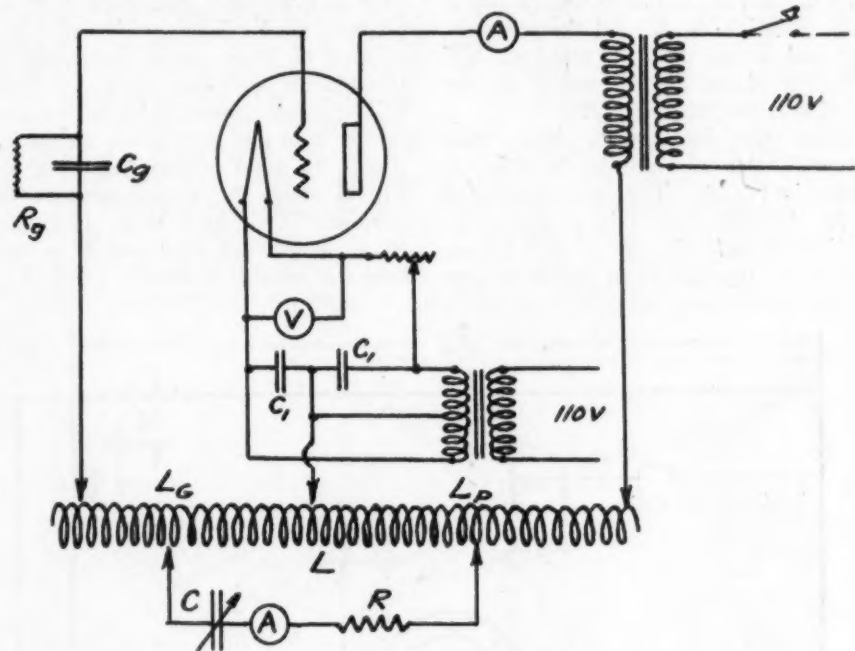


Fig. 1. Hartley Oscillator

good oscillator and easy to tune.  $L$  is the regular antenna-tuning inductance and  $C$  is any available variable condenser, preferably of 1000 micro-mfd. capacity. Both filament and plate supply are given by transformers, although a large  $A$  battery for the filament and high voltage direct current for the plate is preferable. A fixed condenser may be placed across the plate transformer to by-pass the radio-frequency oscillations, but it will consume some 60-cycle power.

The oscillator is started by the "cut and try" method, first setting the condenser at full capacitance and the inductance at any arbitrary value.

Suppose we are using an Acme helix. We can set the condenser at .001 mfd. and we will probably find that a few turns on the helix will give us resonance on 200 meters. If we cut down the condenser, we must increase the inductance. If we knew the values of the inductance of the coil in each position

and either  $L$  or  $C$  must be decreased until we can get radiation with our available plate reactance. Now we can tell our wave with any available wavemeter. It can be adjusted to any desired value by adjusting  $L$  or  $C$ , or both, and retuning  $L_g$  and  $L_p$ .

After the oscillator has started to "perc", several interesting experiments may be performed. The grid condenser and leak may be varied to find best values, and you can compute your efficiency if you know the value of  $R$ . This resistance is the only thing not commonly found in an amateur's station. It can be made by winding some high resistivity Manganin wire on strips of mica, and can be calibrated with direct current by use of your filament voltmeter and plate milliammeter. If a set is adjusted for best radiation and the plate current is known, we can figure its efficiency if we know  $R$ , and have an idea of the resistance of the radiation meter. Thus, if we have 100 milli-

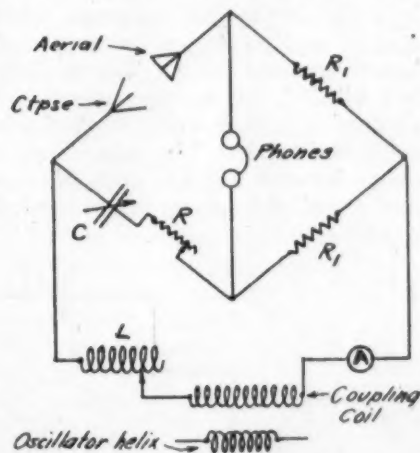


Fig. 2. Bridge Circuit

Fig. 2: One arm is formed by the regular antenna and counterpoise leads; another arm is a dummy antenna; the other two arms being equal resistances. A pair of phones is used here because we use a.c. on our oscillator, and its output is hence modulated, and consequently there is a low frequency current

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# The Generation and Measurement of Short Waves

Suggestions for the Construction of a 20-Meter Transmitter or Wavemeter

By L. J. N. du Treil

WITH certain modification, due to apparatus limitation of the amateur, the short wave oscillator devised by the U. S. Bureau of Standards may be used as 20-100 meter amateur transmitter and also as a set for the standardization and calibration of wavemeters. With a one-turn oscillator coil it gives a 20-meter wave and with a five-turn coil, it gives 100 meters, intermediate frequencies being obtainable with intermediate coils.

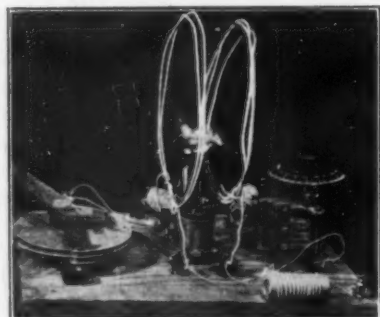


Fig. 1. Short-Wave Oscillator

The oscillator shown in Fig. 1 and the diagram of connections in Fig. 2. The oscillatory circuit consists of coils  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  and the condenser  $C_2$ .  $C_1$  is a variable by-pass condenser which may be used to change the wavelength between narrow limits. The oscillator is a UV202, 5-watt tube, operated on alternating current supply for both filament and plate. The plate voltage ranges between 350 and 600 volts and was passed through an aluminum-lead rectifier.

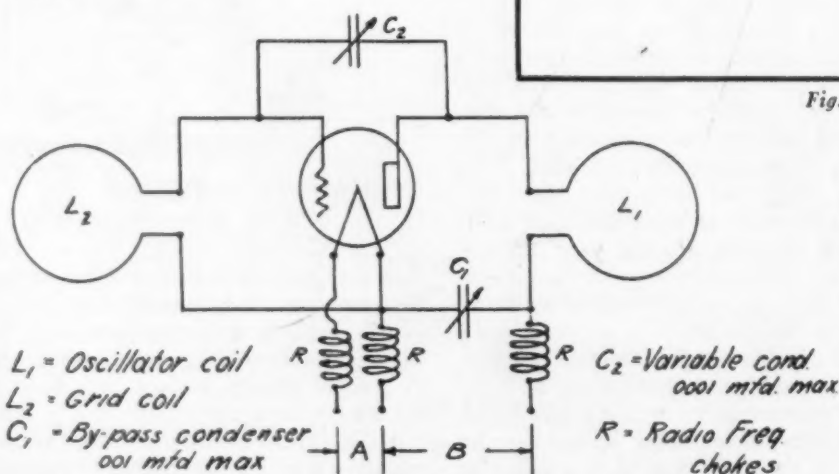


Fig. 2. Circuit Diagram for Short-Wave Oscillator

The apparatus was mounted on a baseboard shown with dimensions in Fig. 3. Slight alterations may be made without loss of efficiency provided that all connections in the oscillatory circuit are made as short and direct as possible. Double binding posts are placed in the holes  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ . The oscillator coil is to be placed in  $B_1$ ,  $B_1$  and the regenerative coil in  $B_2$ ,  $B_2$ . A standard VT socket is placed in the center of the board between the two coils.

After the instruments have been mounted, the wiring may be done as shown in Fig. 4. The coils are wound of No. 12 B&S DCC wire and are 6 in. in diameter. In the case of coils having two more turns, the turns may be tied to-

gether at several points with linen thread. Fig. 5 shows a one-turn coil with the terminals properly bent to go into the binding posts. One each of the following coils will be required for a range of 20 to 100 meters: One-turn coil, two-turn coil, three-turn coil, four-turn coil, five-turn coil, six-turn coil, eight-turn coil, ten-turn coil. The grid coil  $L_2$  is selected to have twice the number of turns as the oscillator coil  $L_1$ .

The waves generated by this oscillator can be measured with great accuracy on a pair of wires terminating in a loop. Fig. 6 shows the arrangement for this purpose. Two bare wires at least 40 ft. in length are stretched 4 in. apart between suitable supports. Coil  $L_2$  of

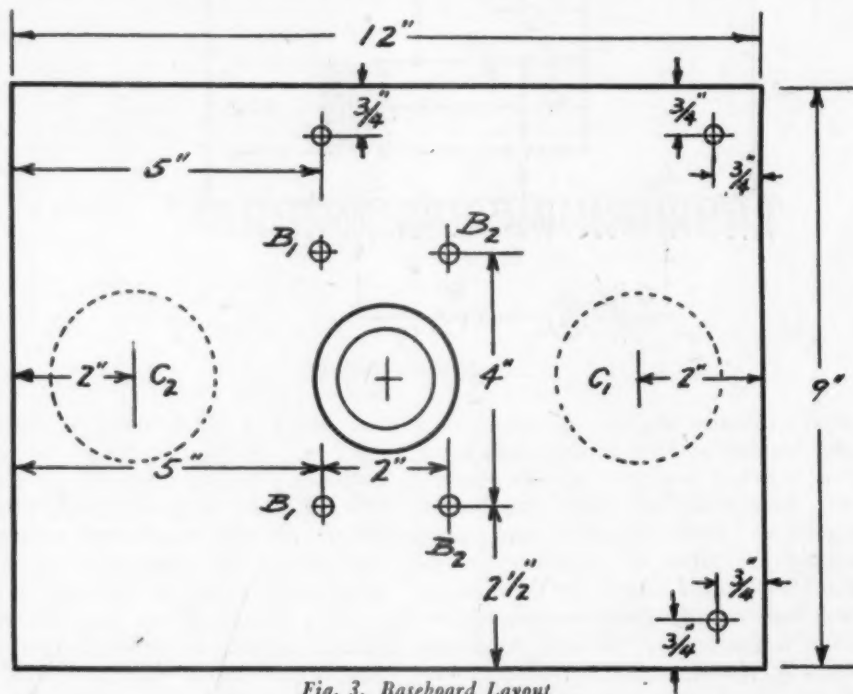


Fig. 3. Baseboard Layout

the oscillator is coupled to coil  $L_3$  of Fig. 6. A radio-frequency milliammeter having a 0-100 MA scale is mounted on a piece of wood or insulating material about 8 in. in length and 3 in. in width as shown at MA, Fig. 6.

The small rectangles are pieces of brass fastened to the terminals of the meter and contact is made with the wires by means of these pieces. It will probably be necessary to shunt the meter while making observations.



The oscillator is placed in operation and the milliammeter is slid back and forth near the loop end of the parallel wires until the point of maximum reading is found. A marker should be placed on one of the wires at this point. The milliammeter is slid slowly toward the open end of the wires until a point of maximum deflection is again obtained. This point should also be carefully marked and the distance between the markers measured with a steel tape. This distance if read in feet should be converted to meters by dividing by 3.281 and the quotient multiplied by two. This result will be the wavelength of the oscillator in meters.

If the parallel wires are of sufficient length, several points of maximum deflection of the milliammeter will be found. These points will be separated by exactly the same distance. A wavemeter may be calibrated for a limited range by this method but due to practical limitations in stretching the parallel wires (wires over 300 ft. long being required for a wavelength of 200 meters) another method has been devised for calibrating wavemeters above 30 meters.

To calibrate the wavemeter for higher

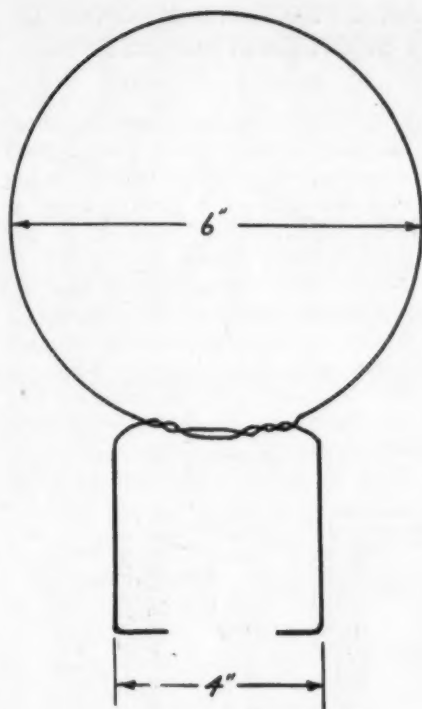


Fig. 5. One Turn Coil

the parallel wires. There will also be required a short wave receiver which can be constructed simply of a one-turn

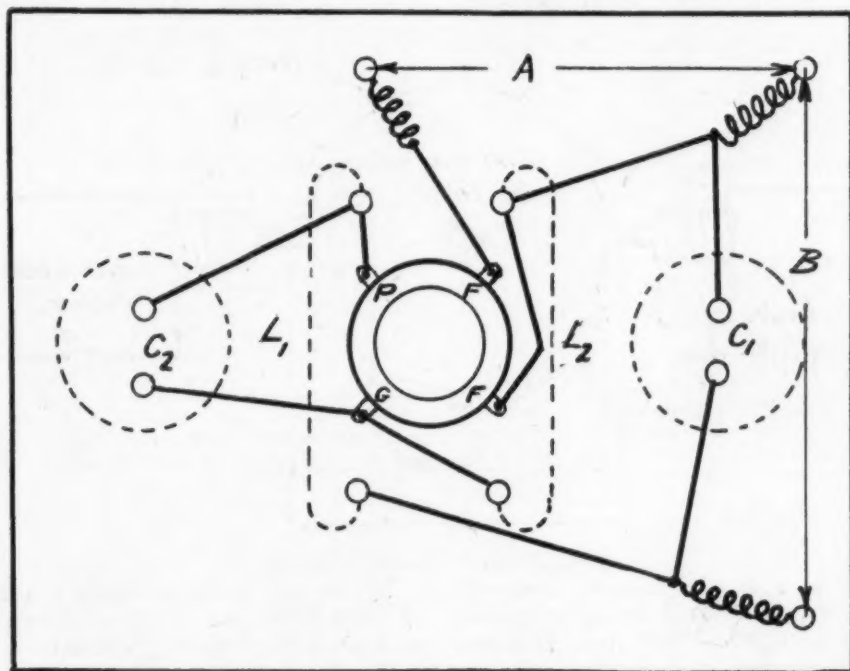


Fig. 4. Baseboard Wiring

wavelengths than 30 meters another oscillator will be required. For convenience the two oscillators will be called *a* and *b*, respectively. The method employed consists of adjusting oscillator *a* to a wavelength which is measured on

coil in series with a small variable condenser, connected to a detector and amplifier as illustrated in Fig. 7.

Assume that this adjustment is 20 meters and is obtained with a one-turn coil in  $L_1$ . Oscillator *b* is equipped

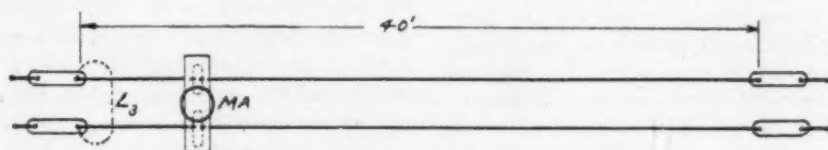


Fig. 6. Wavemeter Arrangement

with a one-turn coil in  $L$ , is set into operation, condenser  $C_2$  is varied until the wavemeter indicates that oscillator *b* is also tuned to the same wavelength as oscillator *a* or 20 meters. Slight variation of  $C_2$  in oscillator *b* will cause a beat note to be heard in the telephones of the short wave receiver. Capacity of  $C_2$  of oscillator *b* is increased until another beat note is heard which is the first harmonic of oscillator *a* or 40 meters. This point is found and marked on the wavemeter. Oscillator *b* may now be equipped with a two-turn coil and the process continued as outlined above until the second, third and fourth harmonics are reached.

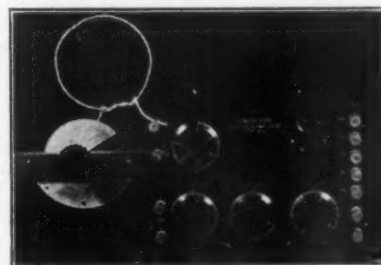


Fig. 7. Arrangement for Harmonic Calibration

For the sake of convenience the oscillator *a* is adjusted to the fourth harmonic, 100 meters, and the process can be continued up to 200 meters or higher.

It may be of interest to note that the writer compared a wavemeter calibrated by this method with the first coil of a Kolster decimeter and he found that the discrepancy in reading between the two instruments was less than 0.5 per cent.

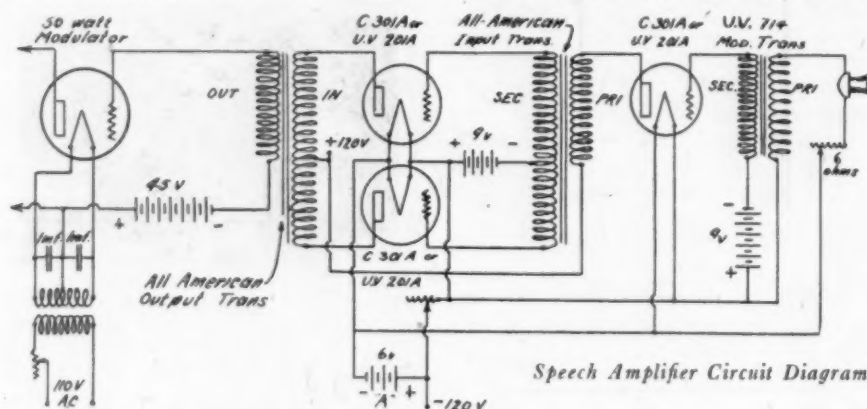
## HOW TO BUILD A SPEECH AMPLIFIER

By R. MCGINNIS

The amplifier here described is a low-cost outfit giving good modulation and greatly increasing the range of a phone transmitter. In the case of 8 DJT at Pittsburgh it extended the range to Florida, whereas without it Virginia was the best distance.

The reason for the increased distance is that the modulator is able to modulate more of the oscillator's energy than it could previously. If we take a set of the usual power, say one 50-watt tube as the modulator and a like tube for the oscillator, we may experience difficulty in making the modulator modulate enough of the energy supplied to it by the oscillator to make it effective at distant points unless some means are taken to step up the voltage that is being impressed upon its grid. The only position for this needed unit is after the microphone, but before the modulator grid. The placing of this unit here not only steps up the current of the microphone before it is applied to the modulator's grid, but also increases the microphone's sensitivity to a remarkable degree.

By following the diagram, no trouble should be encountered in building up such an amplifier and in obtaining a distortionless output. A UV-201a tube makes a satisfactory amplifier and the writer recommends that they be used throughout in the construction of the unit. All American push pull transformers are also used, but others will no doubt work equally as well. One precaution that must be taken is to reduce the voltage in the microphone circuit from the usual 6 volts to 2 or 3 before starting any experiments with the unit. If this precaution is overlooked, I am afraid that your microphone will develop such intense heat that its day of usefulness will be short lived. "HI." "HI."



Speech Amplifier Circuit Diagram

Of course the reduced voltage will decrease the output of the microphone, but with the speech amplifier doing its bit, the difference will be scarcely noticed. Better modulation will result from lower voltages, so that it is really an advantage in two ways to use the lower value of current.

The microphone may now be placed in any position about the room and it will be found to reproduce sound from a distance as though it were but against the mouthpiece of the microphone. Great care must be used, however, to keep the microphone from picking up external or undesired noises as they will be amplified to an enormous degree by the amplifier and may cause considerable displeasure to the listener, both far and near. Such disturbances would likely fall under the clause regarding unnecessary interference, which is strictly forbidden by the radio laws of 1912.

"Radio can weld all humanity together so that they can face their common differences in a spirit of co-operation and mutual trust."—Sir Oliver Lodge.

British regulations require a separate aerial and a separate license for radiocast reception on board their ships. No connection is allowed between the radiocast receiver and the ship's communication equipment, nor can the operator listen to radiocasting when on duty.

## AN EFFICIENT MAGNETIC MODULATING SYSTEM

By F. L. ULRICH

A SIMPLE, efficient magnetic modulation method which gives a good tone varying from 300 to 600 cycles per second, has proven a great success at 2BDF, modulating as much as 90 per cent of the total output.

To construct the apparatus, first obtain a round, soft iron disc (the magnetic lines of force can penetrate through soft iron with greater ease). This disc should be about 5 in. in diameter and 1/4 in. thick, and should have 12 teeth extending out 1/4 in.

Then obtain two old bell or relay

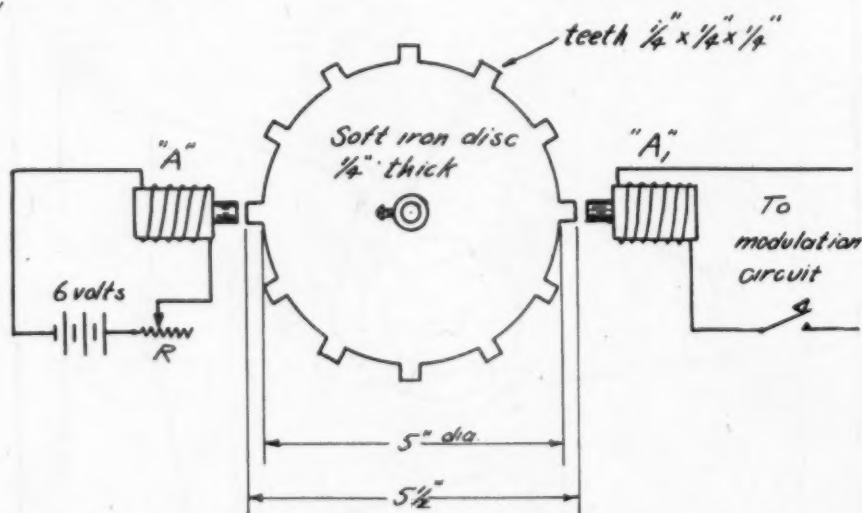
permit the rotor may be connected to the extending shaft of the motor generator, thereby saving the cost of an extra machine.

The two leads to the modulating circuit can be connected to the modulating tube, or to the primary of the modulating transformer so that the modulation can take place in the grid circuit or elsewhere. Several methods worked well, although the one preferred was connecting the leads to the modulator tube. A modulation transformer is not necessary. These leads would connect to the same places as would the secondary of the modulation transformer.

The twelve-stud disc rotating at a high speed between two magnets breaks up the magnetic field between them at a high rate of speed, thereby inducing in coil A<sub>1</sub> a current of various frequencies from 300 to 600 cycles. This machine works on the principle of the inductor alternator used for spark sets where high frequency is desired.

The frequency of the system can be found as follows: Multiply the revolutions per minute by the number of studs on the rotor and divide by 60 (sixty seconds making one minute).

$$F = \frac{\text{RPM} \times \text{Nr/St.}}{60}$$



Ulrich Magnetic Modulation System

magnets, a six ohm rheostat, a six-volt battery and a motor having a variable speed of 1750 to 3000 rpm. If a motor of this type of speed can not be obtained, a variable resistance (of the field rheostat type) may be placed in the field circuit of the machine to bring up the desired speed, or the number of teeth or studs on the rotor may be increased.

The motor is mounted on a suitable base and the disc connected to its shaft. The two magnets A and A<sub>1</sub> are mounted diametrically opposite each other, as close as possible to the studs of the rotor without interfering with its rapid rotation, as can be seen in Fig 1. Magnet A is connected to a local six-volt battery in series with a six ohm rheostat, while A<sub>1</sub> goes to the modulating circuit having a key in series. If circumstances

In case your motor is making a speed of 3000 RPM and you have a twelve-stud rotor, the frequency would be

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{RPM} - 3000 \\ \text{Nr/St.} \quad 12 \\ \text{Const.} \quad 60 \\ \hline 3000 \times 12 = 600 \text{ Cycles} \\ 60 \end{array}$$

When the system is operating at its best, it can be noticed by the increase in antenna current or the steadiness of the space current meter, while holding down the key. It is better than buzzer form of modulation, namely, that it is steady and the tone produced at the receiving station will be constant, depending upon the number of studs and speed of the disc.





# QUERIES and REPLIES



Questions submitted for answer in this department should be typewritten or in ink, written on one side of the paper. All answers of general interest will be published. Readers are invited to use this service without charge, except that 25c per question should be forwarded when personal answer by mail is wanted.

Can you give me a good hook-up for a super-heterodyne using 3,000 meter air core transformers and UV-199 tubes? Please give me the hook-up of the R. C. of A. super-heterodyne.

—A. C. C., Dos Palos, Cal.

to get the best results. If more volume is required the B battery may be increased to 160 volts and the C battery on the last tube increased to 131-2 volts. This would require a tube capable of withstanding such a high voltage, such as the Western Elec-

grid to be kept positive with respect to its filament, the latter condition being necessary in order to operate the tube at its point of greatest detector action. A crystal will work satisfactorily in the second detector of a super-heterodyne, although it will

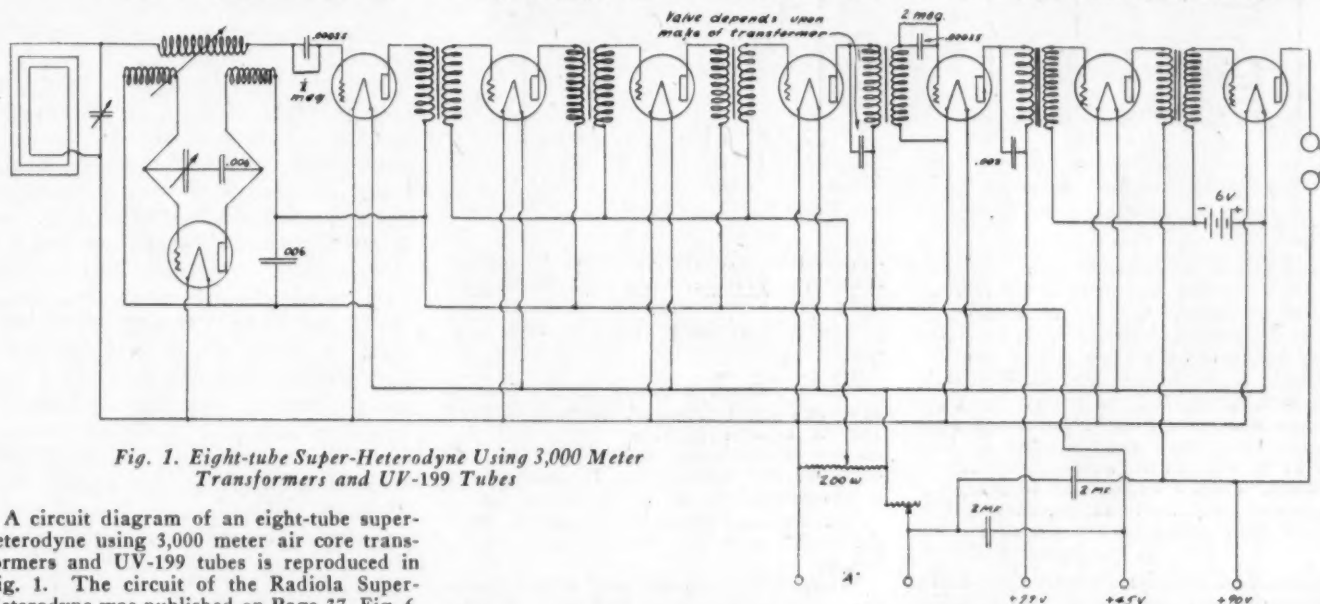


Fig. 1. Eight-tube Super-Heterodyne Using 3,000 Meter Transformers and UV-199 Tubes

A circuit diagram of an eight-tube super-heterodyne using 3,000 meter air core transformers and UV-199 tubes is reproduced in Fig. 1. The circuit of the Radiola Super-Heterodyne was published on Page 37, Fig. 6, June RADIO.

I am very anxious to add a three stage resistance coupled amplifier to my present 45,000 cycle super-heterodyne. Can you show me how this may be properly done? —H. V. K., Towanda, N. Y.

Fig. 2 shows the circuit of a three-stage resistance coupled amplifier. It is highly important that the voltages, C batteries and resistances specified be employed in order

to get the best results. If more volume is required the B battery may be increased to 160 volts and the C battery on the last tube increased to 131-2 volts. This would require a tube capable of withstanding such a high voltage, such as the Western Elec-

tric 216-A, General Electric UV-202 or tube of similar characteristics. What is the function of the grid leak? Can a crystal be used with much success in a super-heterodyne, as the second detector? Can any of the tubes be reflexed in a super-heterodyne?

—H. S. Jr., Red Bluff, Cal.

The grid leak provides a path for the grid condenser discharges and enables the

probably not give as great a power output as the tube. One or more of the intermediate frequency amplifiers can be reflexed so as to amplify the incoming high frequency, but it is doubtful whether satisfactory results can be had from reflexing the intermediate amplifiers at audio frequencies, with the apparatus generally available at present.

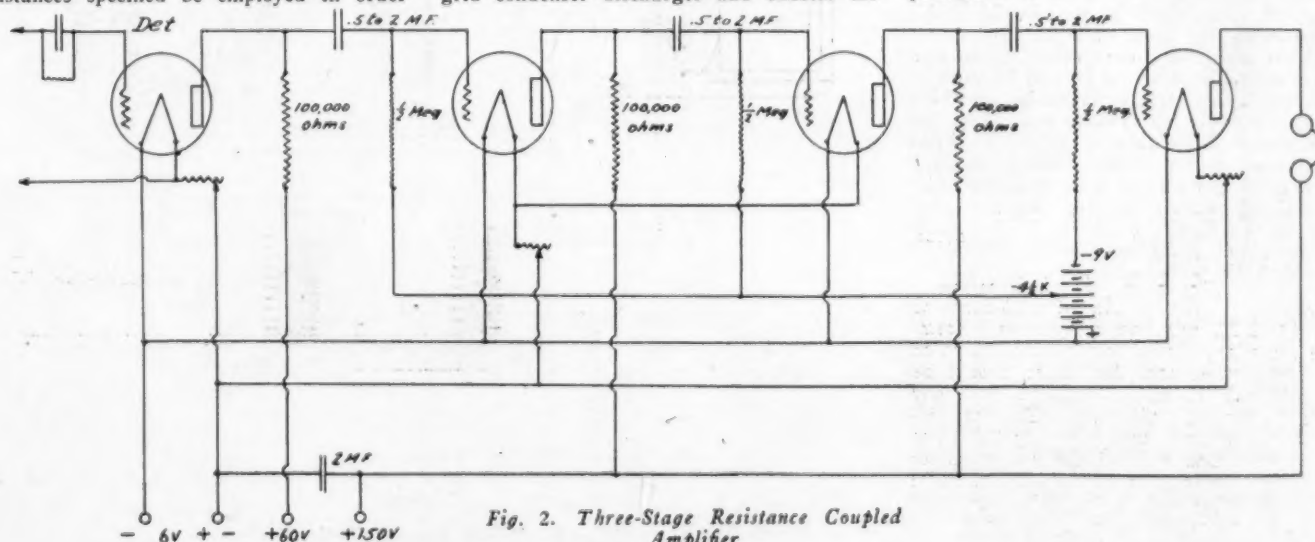


Fig. 2. Three-Stage Resistance Coupled Amplifier

Please publish a circuit for a one-tube receiver, using a Remler oscillator-coupler to control regeneration, and two variable condensers for tuning.

—E. W., Fair Oaks, Cal.

A circuit such as you describe is shown in Fig. 3. It will be necessary to have other apparatus than mentioned in your question.

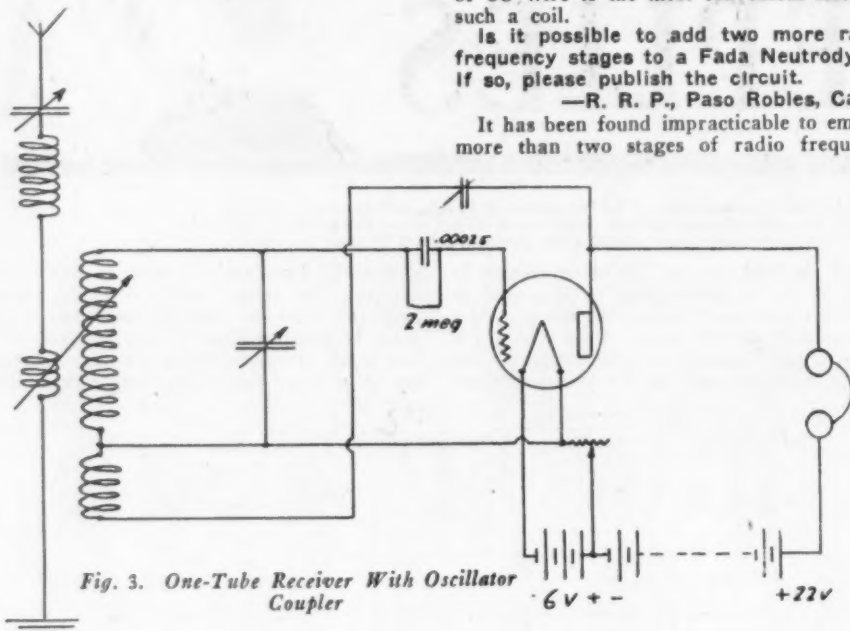


Fig. 3. One-Tube Receiver With Oscillator Coupler

A load coil of 75 turns, in series with the antenna condenser and rotor of the coupler, and an additional winding of 5 turns of No. 24 DCC wire, will be required. A receiver employing the same circuit was described by G. M. Best in October RADIO.

In October RADIO an article by Wm. Jackson describes how to build a chemical rectifier. Would a rectifier of this type be suitable in the automobile battery business, where I would wish to charge a number of batteries in series, varying the current from three to ten amperes?

—H. C. A., Oakland, Cal.

A chemical rectifier, unless very carefully made, and maintained, is unreliable for commercial work where it will be operated for long periods of time with considerable power. A good make of Tungar rectifier, designed for commercial battery charging, would be the best thing for you to buy, in the long run. If you wish to try the chemical rectifier, it would require at least a five gallon jar, with large electrodes. The size can be computed from the formula given by Mr. Jackson, and works out as 200 sq. in. Distilled water should be used for the liquid, as ordinary tap water will not do.

What size wire, how many turns and what diameter winding should be used in winding spiderweb coils to be mounted in a three-coil honeycomb mounting, for 100 meter broadcast reception? What resistance potentiometer should be used as a stabilizer on the grid return circuit, in a tuned radio frequency amplifier similar to the Grebe RORN? Should both sides of the potentiometer be connected to the battery circuit?

—C. E. B., Pullman, Wash.

For the antenna circuit, wind 10 turns of No. 16 DCC wire on a spiderweb form. The secondary should consist of 15 turns of the same wire, and the tickler should be wound with 15 turns, although less may be found desirable after trial. The potentiometer should have approximately 200 ohms resistance. One side of the potentiometer should be connected to the negative filament lead, the other side being left open, and the slider connected to the grid return.

Referring to the diagram in September RADIO, showing the connections of an antenna tuner for the Radiola Super-Heterodyne, how many turns of what size wire on a 3 in. tube would you recommend for the stator of the coupler?

—M. M., Butte City, Cal.

Two sections of 25 turns each should be provided, for the 3-in. tube. No. 24 DCC or SC wire is the most convenient size for such a coil.

Is it possible to add two more radio frequency stages to a Fada Neutrodyne? If so, please publish the circuit.

—R. R. P., Paso Robles, Cal.

It has been found impracticable to employ more than two stages of radio frequency

shunt the filament battery leads with one or more 2 microfarad condensers.

I have a great deal of trouble from body capacity, using my super-heterodyne for the 97 meter wave length of KDKA. How may this be eliminated? An antenna coupler is used instead of a loop.

—J. J. H., River Rouge, Mich.

Probably your antenna and oscillator condensers are not effectively shielded. It is important that a shield of sheet copper or similar metal be placed on the back of the panel holding the condensers, connecting the shield to ground.

ERRATA NOTICE: In O. B. Scott's article on "The Regenerative Reflex," page 19, October RADIO, the circuit diagram does not show a connection between the positive A and the negative B batteries. If this connection is made no trouble will be experienced.

## RADIO ANTENNAS NOT LIGHTNING MENACE

Radio antennas are not to be regarded as effective protection against lightning, according to the Bureau of Standards, but on the other hand, their limited extent prevents them from becoming a menace. They need not be considered as potential inviters of lightning strokes, being in a class with other metal objects normally found about buildings, such as metal gutters, down spouts, and wire clothes lines. As commonly installed, they are of relatively small size, both in extent and in the diameter of the wires used. If grounded, or provided with a lightning arrester, they may effect gradual drainage of electricity as well as a lightning rod, but a direct stroke is likely to fuse them or tear them from their fastenings on account of their small diameter. Moreover, the ground lead of an antenna constitutes a lightning rod having a single down conductor, whereas good lightning rod practice requires at least two down conductors electrically parallel, but as widely separated as possible.

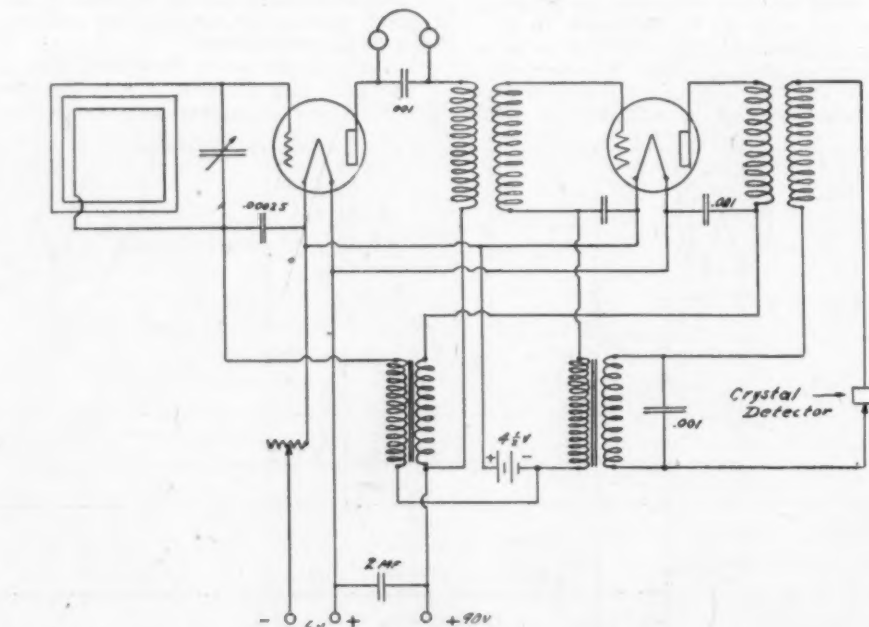


Fig. 4. Grimes Inverse Duplex Circuit

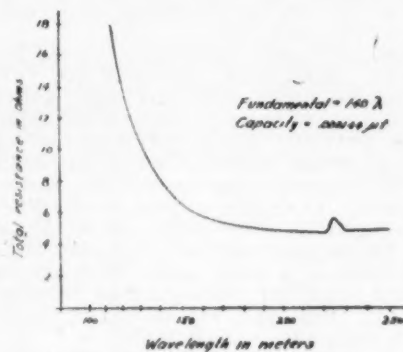


# With the Amateur Operators

## RADIO STATION 11V

Radio 11V, owned and operated by C. H. Campbell, Bridgeport, Conn., is a consistent relay station of the A.R.R.L. and one of the first to establish two-way communication with Europe. Mr. Campbell is one of the old-timers, his pre-war call being 1ABW.

The present antenna is a two-wire inverted "L" 85 ft. long and 40 ft. above the earth. The counterpoise is fan-shape, 100 ft. long and 5 ft. high. It is 25 ft. wide at the far end. The total resistance is fairly low as the curve shows. The hump at 225 meters is probably due to a power line or



Antenna Resistance Curve at 11V

guy wire resonant at that wavelength, but, as the transmitter is never operated on that wave, no steps have been taken to eliminate it. The natural period of the system is 140 meters and the effective capacity is .000144 microfarads.

The circuit diagram explains the transmitter. One 50-watt tube is used, but the set is built to accommodate two tubes. You



Radio Station 11V

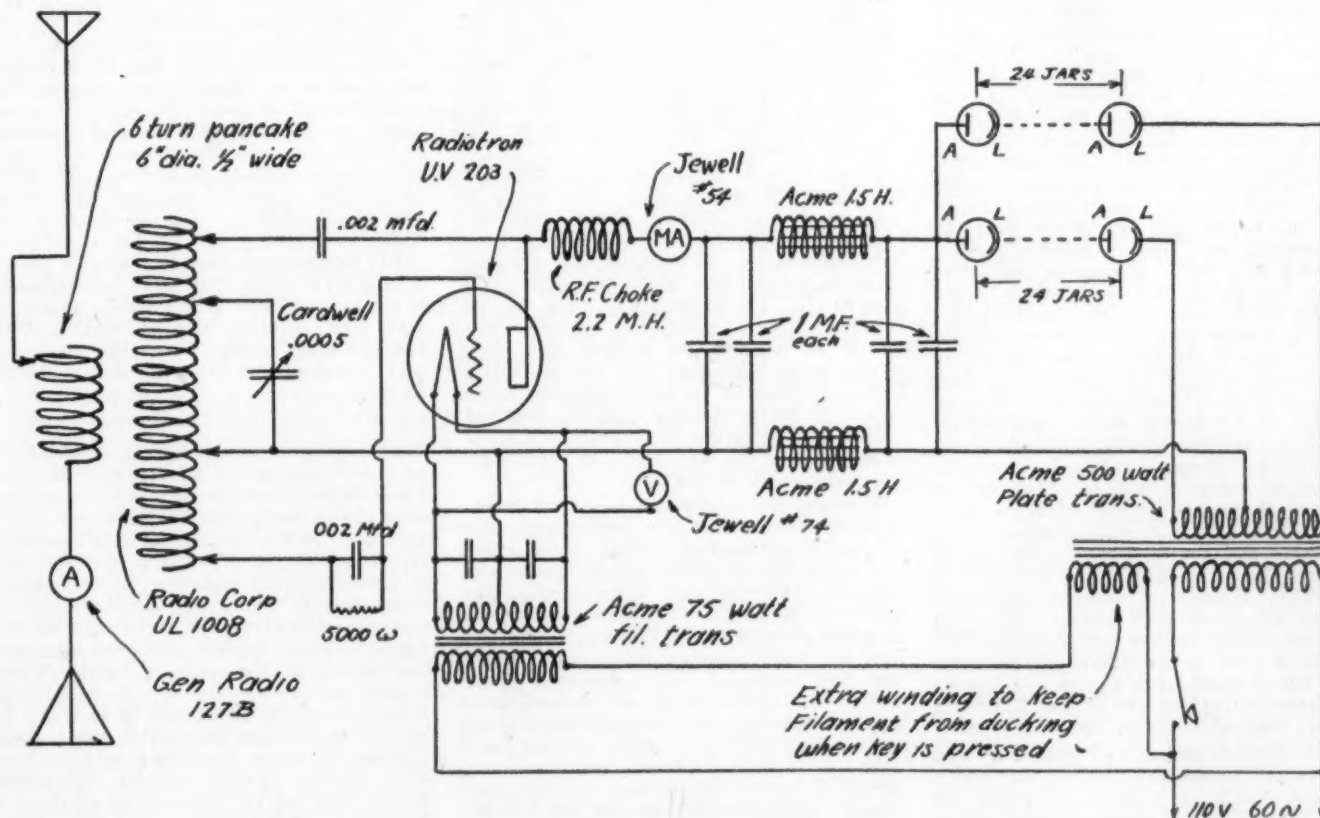
will recognize the circuit as an inductive-coupled Hartley. Plate supply is obtained from a 500-watt Acme transformer and 48-jar chemical rectifier. The filter system is composed of 2 1.5-henry chokes and four 1-mfd. condensers. On 150 meters, with 175 watts input, the antenna current is 3.3 amperes, representing about 76 watts output.

Due to the increased use of short waves, a 25 to 220-meter "low-loss tuner" is now used instead of the Chicago Radio Laboratory variometer receiver shown in the picture. The detector and two-stage amplifier unit is home-made, while the phones are Baldwin,

type C. Only a single stage of amplification is necessary with phones. Foreign and west coast stations are copied consistently.

The DX has been very encouraging. Dutch PCII, British 20D, and British 2SZ have been worked and messages exchanged. The signals have been reported by French 8AB, British 2KW, and British 5KO. On this side of the Atlantic, DX includes all U. S. and four Canadian districts, Panama, Porto Rico, and Bermuda—also many reports from ships at sea.

11V is now operating on 78 meters and will appreciate reports on the signals.



Circuit Diagram of Transmitter

## HAMS I HAVE VISITED

By MARTIN E. SOLOTAR

Packing my tooth brush and an extra collar, I started out to find why some of the messages never reach their destination. When the trainman yelled something that sounded like Wilkes Barre, Pa., I polished up my ARRL emblem and ran over to see my first victim 8AOL who is just a stone's throw from the city limits. When I arrived he took me up to his shack. Boys talk about cards! Why he was using all the available wall space including the ceiling. Trying to do DX on 195 meters was hard work for this bird so he finally decided to go down but it seemed he went down too low and after receiving about 200 cards including foreign reports, he also received a visit from the radio inspector, which resulted in a slight lay-off but he is now convinced that short waves are the only thing and will be on again shortly with special permission on 80 meters, expecting to work foreign stations.

Leaving 8AOL I hopped to Harrisburg where I spent a few nights with 3CCX, one of the old reliable traffic handlers. He has been very active, handling as many as 300 messages a month until his mother wanted her jelly jars returned. So he therefore had to lose some time waiting for "S" tubes, which are now working great. He is using two 50-watt tubes and during the winter months works the Pacific Coast regular.

After working some real DX we went visiting the following day and dropped in on 3CHP who was breaking house, moving to Columbus, Ohio, where he expects to become an 8 soon. Also saw 3BBV who welcomed us with open arms as we were just in time to help him put up a 75-ft. mast which sure is a humdinger. In the crowd there also was 3RR and 3ADE, the latter having a 10-watt station but operates mostly at 3CCX's shack as second op. We sure did chew the fat for a long while but as far as handling traffic they tell me there is no co-operation as most of the gang CQ for cards which never come.

Left the gang with a promise to form some kind of a schedule when in my district and see if we can't swell our traffic reports. I then beat it up to the 5-watt wonder, 3BVA and had no trouble in finding him as he had a big sign hanging from the top of his house letting 'em all know who he was "3BVA ARRL Station York, Pa., "Atta boy," says I, and went in and up to his room which is on the top floor of a 3-story building. He has tried every kind of a transmitter ranging from 5 watts to a 250-watt bottle but found that the 5-watt was the only thing to use. He is now using one 202 radiotron with 1,400 volts on the poor plate and on 150 meters radiates 2.2 amps in the antenna using the Hartley circuit. His transmitter is a very simple one, as can be seen by the picture. It may be of interest to state that with this combination during Easter week over 2 dozen 6's and 7's were worked. Every district was worked nightly including Canadians 4's and 5's, Porto Rican 4JE, and also having been heard across. On account of going to college 3BVA cannot be on much but his place is taken by pretty Miss Mildred Douthitt who is second op at this shack and she sure can handle a side swiper. She signs "MD" so watch for her. Hi. They are always ready to QSR and answer all cards and letters. Hated to leave this station (not on account of the YL) and went over to see 3BGG in the same town but it seemed his YL got the best of him that night and instead of pounding brass he was holding hands at the movies MiM.

Well that left me out so I packed up and got out and landed in Hanover, Pa., where I visited 3ACY, a peach of a station, all work being done by remote control, as his transmitter is in a garage about 50 feet from

the house. He pounds brass from a room in the attic which is covered with DX cards showing that his 100-watt is sure perking great.

Working a few hams from this station, I then bid him farewell and got a train heading for Pittsburg. When I arrived I called on 8CEJ who says he was sure glad to meet a real ham. I wondered if he knew what I had for lunch Hi. We climbed up to his attic where I layed my eyes on his old spark and a peach of a 50-watt set. His 2 motor generators in series gives him 1,000 volts pure DC for his plate, causing his ammeter to jump to 4.2 amps. His spark set is silent but all tuned ready for an emergency which may come up during the breakdown of his CW outfit. He has been logged across and also has worked both coasts on low input. His low loss tuner sure pulls 'em in and listening to 8AB's 25-cycle note was sure a treat.

After spending a few days with 8CEJ, I left for Wheeling, West Va., where I intended to see 8ZW but couldn't get in touch with him so went back to the hotel to hit the hay, which was something unusual. I left early next morning for Fairmont, West Va., where I met Jones, proud owner of station 8SP. There are two sets at his shack, one being a 20-watt affair using CW-ICW and phone. This set is mostly used for short wave work but the main set which has done some wonderful DX is a three-50-watt using the reverse feedback circuit, the latter making all records credited to this station. During the trans-atlantics they have been repeatedly heard in England, France and also on the Pacific, Arctic and Atlantic oceans. Hams all over the country, including Hawaii, Canada and Mexico, have reported their signals very QSA. Their best record is being heard by a ship off Tahiti, 6,400 miles distant. It is said that the postoffice had to buy a new truck recently, and I just wonder if its on account of all the cards they have to lug to this station Hi.

Worked a few real DX stations from this shack and then went over to Clarksburg, West Va., and expect to see 8WZ's old spark but in its stead I found a young chap who got the call when it was given up by the old timer, whom we will never forget as he sure did pound in with his rock crusher. This bird uses one 5-watt and has been logged by 6LJ and 2WY. His traffic report is sure FB and he is always ready to forward all messages.

Then went to Elkins, West Va. where I visited 8DFP, a newcomer who uses five 5-watters in the Hartley circuit. His 10-wire aerial can be seen for miles. It is supported by two 80-ft. masts that are real beauties constructed with the help of a few BCL's. The masts are of wood, 2 3/4 by 4 using 4 in a row bolted properly and guyed at every angle making sure there would be no slip up. Until recently 8DFP pounded brass in the early morning hours but now he is working for the railroad pounding a telegraph key. He expects to be back soon though, and also add a Jr. operator which will be his son.

Left him that night and went to Parkersburg, West Va. and saw one of the finest stations in the country, 8BDA. You fellows all remember his 1KW spark which was logged across the pond many a time but now is silent and in its place there stands a peach of a 100-watt CW set. This station has been working foreign stations and the coast regularly. His antenna is up on two 100-ft. masts which are situated on a young mountain with a cage lead directly to the set. The guy wires are insulated every 2 ft., all insulators being obtained across the river where they are manufactured. 8BDA couldn't get 'em all into his

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## OCTOBER DX AT 6XAD-6ZW

By MAJOR LAWRENCE MOTT

On September 23rd, at 3 p. m., Pacific standard time, with full sunlight blazing on Catalina Island, I indubitably heard the English broadcast station 2LO! Very QRZ, even with the "Super" opened wide, of course, but I got the name of the band that was playing, and some of the selections. In comparing time, this just about fits with the dark hours in England, making it very nearly 11:30 p. m. there. I frankly state that this IS a "freak" reception of the rarest kind, but interesting, nae-the-less!

J. C. Bolen, New York City, reports receiving my signals with a fire escape as an aerial, using only a UV-199! Congrats to friend Bolen! 8ANB (Cincinnati) and 6XAD worked in full daylight. 9WS reaches 6 XAD on fone—QSA (from Indianapolis). Australia, 3YA, reports 6XAD as "QSA." So do NZ-4AG, Mr. J. Pearson of Dunedin, N. Z., 1AO and 1AC.

Detailed report, STATIONS WORKED—1AXA, 2KX, 2CXY, 2CYQ, 2CQO, 1RF, 2RK, 2FC, 3CKL, 3QT, 4DX, 5LH, 5AKQ, 5AHD, 6CEU and 6OA (both in Honolulu), 7KU, 7AO, 7GV, 7ACF, 7NO, 8AY (is QSA at 6XAD with 5 watts!), 8CWU, BBZD, 8DAA, 8CSE (worked nearly every A. M., Rochester, N. Y.), 8AXF, 8CKM, 8DAL, 8DOO, 8ALY, 8BCH, 8ANB, 8BQF, 8CKO, 8BAU, 8CED, 8AXN, 8SFO, 8SF, 8DFM, 8BEX, 8MC, 8BZF, 8BOE (uses 5 watts only), 8BEN, 8CAB, 8BPA, 93KY, 9RC, 9WS, 9AFP, 9AID, 9AIM, 9EAM, 9DJN, 9LZ, 9AWG, 9ADO, 9DAU, 9CB, 9RO, 9BRE, 9AEF, 9CJM.

Stations reporting 6XAD-6ZW: 1AET, 1CMP, 1PY, 1BAN, 1AJO; R. Kirker, Auburn, Rhode Island; 1BY, 2LE, 2BRB, 2BBM; H. Friedman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 2ACS, 2AQR; K. Knudsen, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 2CBC, 2CHC; E. Blinn, Woodbury, N. J.; J. Hollywood, Red Bank, N. J.; 2CRP; L. Kennedy, Endicott, N. Y.; T. Buzalski, Hillside, N. J.; 3KE, 3CCU, 3RR, 3HZ, 3CHC, 4OA, 4IA, 5PI, 5LS, 7CH, 7ALO; G. James, Medford, Oregon; 8VO, 8BQI, 8CLO, 8ATZ, 8DRJ, 8ABN, 8AWN, 8BDG; J. A. Kiener, Cleveland, O.; 8BHG, 8BN, 8BZO; W. James, Covington, Ky.; 9EFX, 9DNG, 9DZG, 9QI, ("The Radio Parson"), 9DMY, H. Hoch, Webster Grove, Mo.; C3BR.

On four different nights, between midnight, PST, and 4 A. M., I have successfully worked every District. Not bad—from an island, 30 miles off the coast of Southern California!

On October 23rd, at 12:30 a. m., PST-6XAD-6ZW gave a message to 8ADM (Wheeling, W. Va.) for the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, New York City. 8ADM passed it to 2CRP, at Bayonne, New Jersey, who passed it to a NYC local, who, in turn, telephoned it to the addressee at the hotel. The message was delivered through 8ADM-2CRP and one other station, in slightly over one hour actual time! THIS is efficient ARRL work."

The second "get together meeting" of the Second District on October 23rd at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, was a huge success with more than 400 amateurs in attendance. In his opening address President W. J. Howell stated the aims and purposes of Second District Executive Radio Council, which acts as a clearing house for and is representative of all the radio clubs in the district. Thos. Appleby told how successful the same idea was proving in the Third District, whose convention will be held at Atlantic City during Easter week, 1925. E. M. Glaser, the new manager of the Hudson Division, gave an interesting talk on handling message traffic and the Ridgewood Radio Club put on a humorous playlet "A Short Wave Transmitter." A similar meeting will be held early in January.



## NEWS OF THE AMATEUR OPERATORS

Calls 6SR-6BDO have been re-assigned to Ernest R. Cady, 862 54th St., Oakland, Calif. Together with 6CSP, George Blumert, 591 45th St., Oakland, he is experimenting on 75-80 meter transmission.

Q. R. A. of 6AOF is C. Okano, P. O. Box 98, Hilo, Hawaii.

6AJ-6BJ, Carlos S. Mundt, has moved from Fresno, Calif., to 2519 Lincoln Ave., Alameda, Calif.

5NW will use the call 5ASI this winter while at Amarillo, Texas. Address all cards to Wayland Groves, 108 E. Eighth St., Amarillo, Texas. All reports appreciated and answered by card.

6CUD has been assigned to Geo. E. Butcher 911 W. 17th St., Santa Ana, Calif., who has 5 watts C. W. All cards appreciated and answered.

Irwin A. Coffey, Gonzales, Calif., has been receiving many cards for 6ASW, his former call. He will forward them if informed of the new QRA.

3ACF, A. G. Shafer, 5526 Ridgewood St., Philadelphia, Pa. Power 5 watts on 77 meters. Reports appreciated and acknowledged.

7JP has been assigned to Harold R. Baker, Box 418, College Station, Pullman, Wash.

5ARR has been assigned to Tom J. Kindel, Carlsbad, N. M., who is on the air with a 5-watter.

QRA of 6CRX is Frank Holly, Brea, Calif. Cards appreciated.

6BKV has been re-issued to Roye Meadows, 535 "D" St., Oxnard, Calif. All yrs'ts on mi 5 watts C. W. appreciated and answered.

6BGV, owned and operated by Jack M. Lutts, 6551 National Blvd., Culver City, Calif. 5 watt C. W. and phone. All cards QSL'd.

Call 2AIP has been reassigned to Leroy F. Spangenberg, 15 Cottage Pl., East Orange, N. J.

6BKU has been re-assigned to Bryce Sells, 810 E. St., Oxnard, Calif. Reports on 50 watt C. W. appreciated and QSL'd.

6BOI has been assigned to the portable station of Deen W. Imel. P. O. address is care of U. S. S. Wood, San Diego, Calif., formerly owner of "9BZZ."

Call letters 6CUW have been issued to D. C. Mast, Bisbee, Ariz. Reports appreciated and all cards answered.

9EK is the new amateur and experimental station of C. F. Burgess Laboratories, Madison, Wis. Co-operation is invited in handling amateur traffic.

QRA of 6ZAU-6ATC is Karl W. Kent, 53 Hernandez, Ave., Los Gatos, Calif.

7FD of Seattle, using a wave length of 78 meters, worked Porto Rican station 4SA and New Zealand station 2AC. He also works every United States district regularly.

A large number of amateur stations have tuned their transmitters down to the short waves between 75 and 85 meters. A few are as low as 40 meters. As a result of the spreading out of stations interference on the waves between 150 and 200 meters is much less than it was a short time ago.

Nearly all of the traffic and press dispatches from the *Shenandoah* were handled through amateur telegraphic stations. Many of the best West Coast amateur stations stood constant watch day and night during the time that the big dirigible was within range.

7BK, Howard F. Mason, has recently returned to his home in Seattle after a year's stay at Hartford, Conn.

7ABB of Everett, Wash., uses a wave length of 75 meters and works East Coast stations with ease.

7BJ, George Sturley of Vancouver, is now acting as teacher in the Portland Y. M. C. A. radio school.

7UU, Robert Washey of Seattle, is conducting a series of experiments on the high frequencies between 4 and 5 meters.

7ACM recently worked every district in the U. S. and one station in Mexico, all in three hours time. Besides this he was heard in New Zealand. His transmitter is tuned to 77 meters.

76Q and 7IW, both of Eugene, Ore., worked the Navy dirigible *Shenandoah* during her recent visit to the West Coast. Both stations used 80 meters while the *Shenandoah* used 90 meters.

76W and 7AHS are both active amateur stations in southern Idaho.

7OB, Arthur Rosene, has returned to Boise from Alaska, where he served as a commercial radio operator.

O. R. Redfern, Supervisor of the Seventh District, has just completed a trip through his division. He reports a large number of new amateur stations and a few new broadcast stations.

7ACI, Alun Williams of Butte, is one of the most reliable stations in the Rocky Mountains. He uses only one 5-watt tube on 80 meters.

On the morning of October 17, radio station 3BHV, owned and operated by R. E. Banker, 300 11th St. N. E., Washington, D. C., got into direct communication with New Zealand 4AG, operated by Ralph Slade at Dunedin, N. Z. 3BHV hearing Z-4AG cq with msg U. S. A. called him on 10 watts, but receiving no answer took down the 10 watts and had 50 watts working within the space of five minutes after the first call. Z-4AG came back, gave "OK," but unluckily the "A" battery, which was nearly down the night before, gave up the ghost. The communication would have ended right then and there had not 3BHV given Z-4AG a long call in about 3 minutes telling him to "Qrx for couple of min. as A bat down." After a new "A" battery was substituted Z-4AG was called again. He immediately came back with "OK Qs 1 hr —." No doubt 3BHV's signals were qsa otherwise Z-4AG would not have been able to Qrx for such a long time and come back so quickly. On the first attempt of Z-4AG to shoot over the message it was "NM" on 3BHV's part as fierce induction QRM prevented it. However, on the second try 3BHV got it OK and the message read as follows:

"To K. B. Warner, Hartford, Conn., from Biele, U-2AOS.

"Greetings from U-2AOS.

"See u in Hartford January.

Sig BIELE."

This communication carried on until 6:35 a. m. when 3BHV had to qrt for breakfast. NZ-4AG was worked from 5:15 to 6:35 a. m. or one hour and twenty minutes. At 6:35, while Z-4AG was signing off, he actually came in so loud that his sigs were easily readable over 3BHV's room on two steps of audio. The transmitter at 3BHV consists of 50 watts in a coupled Hartley circuit, radiating 1.5 at 78 meters. The transmitter was hooked up for the first time five days before working Z-4AG and previous to the working of him had worked nine "6's" and three "7's" or twelve Pacific Coast stations. 3BHV has also worked Mexican 1B in Mexico City on the low waves. More power to you om.

## CALLS HEARD



Readers are invited to send in lists of calls heard from stations distant 250 miles or more from their own stations.

By 2BRR, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sept. 1-Oct. 19—Mostly on low waves  
4af, (4ai), 4cl, 4dl, (4fg), (4fs), 4fq, 4hi, (4lo), 4js, 4ku, 4ls, 4ml, 4my, (4oa), 4ou, (4pi), 4pv, (4rr), 4sa, 4ss, (4tj), (4uk), (4ux), 4vl, (4xe), 4xt, (4zd), 5aaq, (5ac), 5acl, 5ads, 5aek, 5afn, 5afu, (5agl), (5agv), 5alc, 5alr, 5aly, (5ajh), (5ame), 5amh, 5apc, 5be, (5on), 5fv, (5in), (5jf), 5ka, 5kq, (5li), 5ml, 5ph, 5pv, (5qh), (5rh), 5ru, (5uk), 5vv, (5wy), 5xat, (5zai), (5zas), 5zk, (5aao), 5age, (5agk), (5anb), (5aol), (5apw), 5arb, (5aup), (5bfw), (5bjj), 5bjx, (5bnu), 5bqa, 5bql, 5bqr, (5bra), (5bur), 5buy, 5cae, 5cax, (5cel), (5cej), (5cft), (5cgo), (5cgs), (5cgv), (5cng), (5css), 5cts, (5gg), (5lj), (5lv), 5mw, 5pl, 5uc, (5vc), (5wt), (5xad), 5xbn, (5abb), 7af, 7bj, (7fd), 7fr, (7gk), 7if, (7ij), (7iq), (7ot), 8ada, 8aeb, 8ajm, (8aub), 8avx, 8baf, (8baj), 8bhc, 8bic, (8bkh), (8bnh), 8bos, 8bp, 8bpa, 8bpl, (8buk), (8byn), 8ccq, 8ccr, 8ced, (8ces), (8schb), (8scl), 8con, (8cql), 8cwf, (8cwk), (8cww), (8cyl), 8daw, 8dfl, 8dfo, 8dga, 8dhw, 8dme, (8dmt), (8fb), (8fm), (8gz), (8jq), (8nb), (8pl), 8px, 8rh, 8up, (8ve), 8vx, 8xaq, 8zah, 8zg, 9aad, 9aau, 9abf, 9ada, (9ael), (9aju), 9akz, (9aod), (9aog), 9ap, 9ar, 9atn, 9auw, (9avg), (9awm), 9axf, 9axt, 9axz, (9ayx), 9azj, 9azx, 9bcb, 9bcc, 9bcd, (9bex), (9bdu), 9bex, 9bhf, (9bli), 9bjl, 9bly, (9bm), 9bmk, (9bmx), 9bqf, (9bqy), 9brx, (9buk), 9bvn, (9caj), (9cbf), 9ccf, (9ccx), (9cek), 9cdv, 9cfl, (9cll), 9cjc, (9ckb), (9clq), 9cnw, 9cro, 9csi, 9ctd, (9ctr), (9cvi), (9rs), (9dad), 9dbf, 9dbw, (9ddp), (9dlw), 9dqa, (9dmj), 9dxn, 9dxr, (9dxy), (9dyn), (9dyt), 9dzq, (9eas), (9ebh), 9efy, 9ekf, 9eky, (9elb), (9eld), 9em, 9es, (9hw), (9mc), (9ny), 9ay, 9vd, 9vm, (9vz), (9xbx), 9za, (9zb), 9zt, (9fv), (9kf), Can. lar, 2ax, 2be, (2cg), (3bp), 3co, 3fc, 3gg, 3gk, 3jn, 3kq, (3ly), (3mv), (4cr), 9lc. Foreign—G-2OD, MEX. (1b), (1ht); Argentina to Italy, (o-2) ORE?

By Paul V. Weller, 1048 Walnut St. Gardena, Calif.

Short wave. 1bb, 1hv, 1gu, 1xw, 1xav, 1gv, 1bk, 1il, 1xaa, 2xw, 2czu, 2wk, 2brd, 3bl, 4lj, 4hr, 5gk, 5aaq, 5ay, 5ajl, 5ow, 5ame, 5wr, 5wy, 5ml, 5blm, 7fr, 7acy, 7iw, 7ij, 7uv, 8ax, 8fm, 8vq, 8hn, 9bva, 9cd, 9zd, 9cjk, 9ecu, 9cfy, 9bji, 9ocm, 9ehq, 9ap, 9bm, 9acd, 9ar, 9dyi. 150-200 meters: 2mk, 5uz, 5amo, 5aq, 5aj, 5mn, 5lo, 5lg, 9dz, 7io, 7ob, 7ajq, 7ok, 7mx, 7om, 7bm, 7wa, 7nx, 7qc, 7ry, 7mu, 7wm, 7vn, 7km, 7ij, 7lw, 7gv, 7akk, 7qk, 7ahs, 7ej, 7mn, 8vq, 8chy, 8bau, 9cx, 9caa, 9cpu, 9cee, 9zq, 9bun, 9dxn, 9ado, 9cak, 9aqj, 9rg, 9my, (Can. 4cn, 1bq, 5ga, 5ba, 9bq) (1b) Heard 11:30 p. m. October 13 qra?

By 6ABE, Ed Cooper, 833 Pacific Ave., Alameda, Calif.

1jk, 1gv, 1bc, 1er, 2rk, 2buy, 3rw, 4pr, 5ox, (5sk), 5amp, 5eh, 5ck, 5oa, 5acl, 5jk, 6ao, 6buh, 7zu, 7gv, 7alk, 7vm, 8brc, 8dcl, 8chy, 8bau, 8baf, 8css, 8dat, (9eky), 9aob, (9amp), 9caa, 9cgu, 9dak, 9zt, 9dka, 9bob, 9eam, 9cmn, 9dkv, 9dxr, 9cu, Can. 4dq.

By R. W. Mintrom, 62 Barton St., Woolston, Christchurch, New Zealand

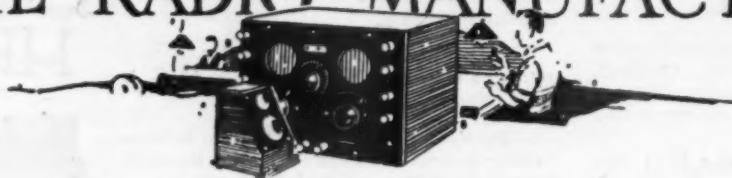
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By 6CRX, Frank Holly, Brea, Calif.

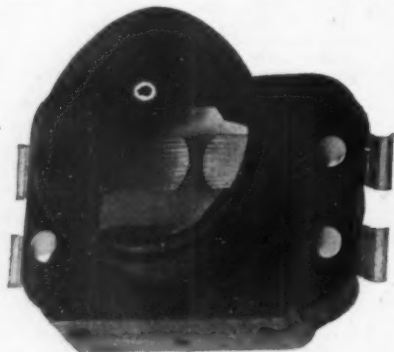
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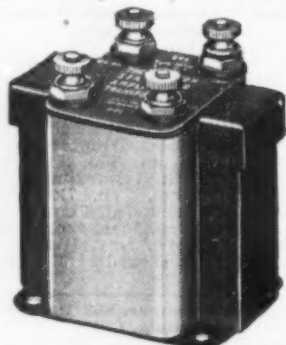


The Crosley Hard Rubber Socket for vacuum tubes has recently been further improved by the use of extra wide contacts riveted to the base. These tips are designed to furnish the maximum tension on the prongs and are serrated so as to close the prongs when the tubes are inserted. Extension of the four contact springs from the



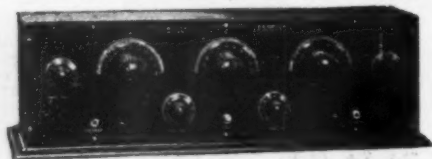
side of the socket permits soldering connections. A stop to keep the tube from being inserted too far tends to lengthen the life of the spring clips. The socket has also been strengthened by the use of more and stronger material.

The New 2-1 Thordarson Audio Frequency Transformer has the same type of layer wound square coil, snugly fitting around the square core, as is used in the 3½-1 and 6-1 model. It is claimed that this construction eliminates the layers' slipping so as to cause open circuit and also elim-



inates air spaces between coil and core, thereby preventing losses of energy which decrease volume on low notes especially and avoiding leaks which might cause the set to howl. Other exclusive construction features are claimed to greatly improve the electrical efficiency. It is reported to be ideally suited for three stage amplifiers and reflex purposes.

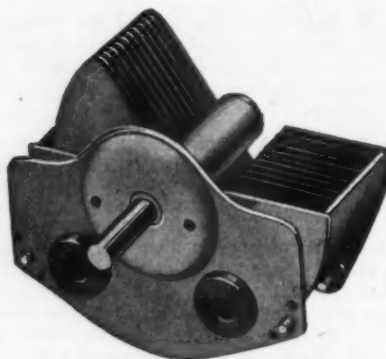
The A-C Dayton XL-5 is a five tube set using tuned radio frequency, detector and audio-frequency amplification, belonging to



the three-dial control type with the three radio-frequency transformers tuned with

variable condensers. The transformers are of special design and are one of the set's outstanding features. Exceptionally clear reception and consistently satisfactory performance are claimed.

The Bradleydenser is a new low loss variable condenser using brass plates soldered at all joints. A unique feature is the one-end plate construction. The rotor is supported on a long bearing sleeve, secured to the stator end plate, and thus does not depend upon the rotor shaft for alignment. A



spring tension in the uniquely designed bearing takes up the slightest wear and keeps the rotor in accurate alignment. The rotor plates are grounded to reduce the body capacity effects when tuning. A removable shield encloses the stator plates and protects them from dust.

The Dulce Tone is a device for utilizing a phonograph as a radio sound reproducer. It is attached to the set like a loud-speaker or 'phones and is placed on the talking machine turn-table so that the phonograph



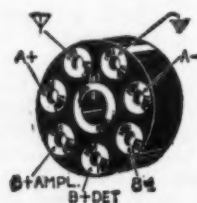
needle rests on the vibrating reed of the Dulce Tone. It is made in two models, one for Victrolas, the other for any other type of talking machine.

The Mohawk is a new receiving set employing but one tuning control. It has two stages of radio frequency amplification detector and two stages of audio frequency amplification. Great selectivity is secured



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The Jones Multiplug and Cable is a handy device for instantly and simultaneously connecting or disconnecting the ground, antenna, A and B batteries to or from a set. All leads are coded by colors so as to insure proper connection. By means of an 8-ft. cable the set may be connected to distant



batteries or moved about without disturbing battery connections. It is furnished with bracket mounting for convenient placing in the set.

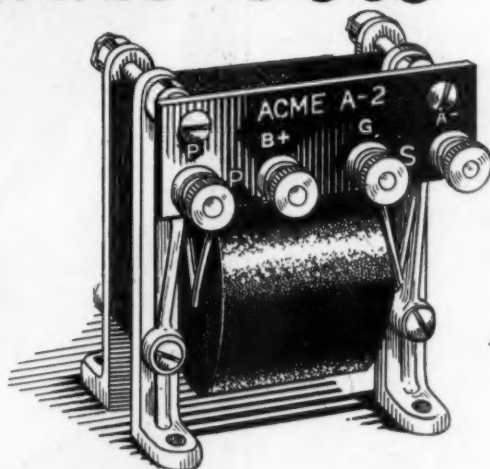
The France Multi-duty Super-charger embodies a new application of the push-pull principle which eliminates sparking contacts. It is designed to charge 2, 4 or 6



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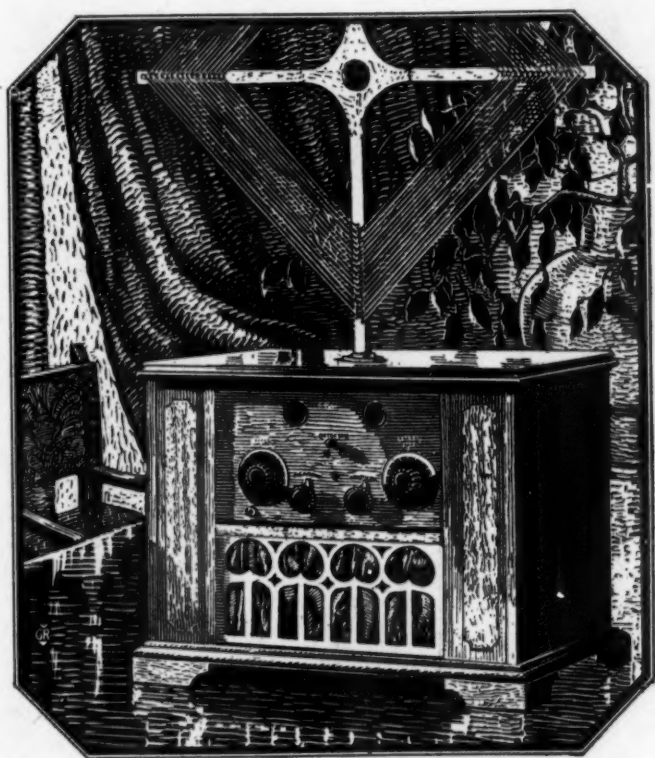
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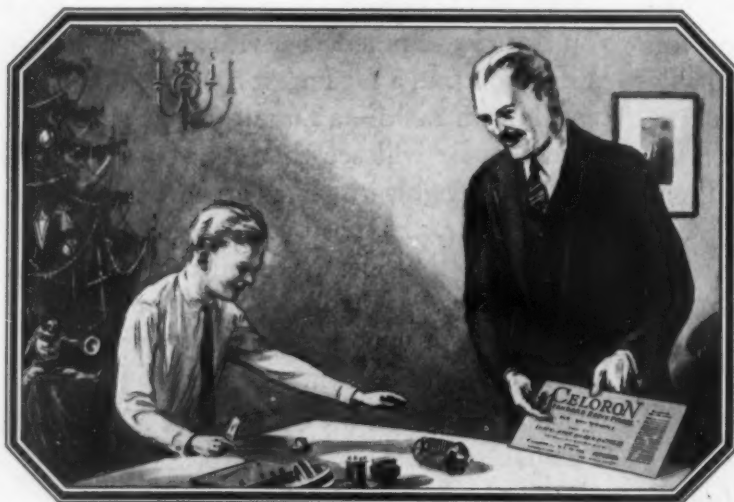
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**By GAI.V, Alameda, Calif.**  
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**By 2BUY, Bradley Park, N. J.**  
(4jr), (4kk), (4mb), (4pd), (4sl), (5bf), (5qh), (5tn), (5abn), (5air), (5ajh), (5akn), 5alz, 5amb, 5amh, 6gt, 6gv, 6hs, (6rn), (6adt), (6ahp), 6bcp, 6cef, (6cgw), (6cje), (6cqe), 6crx, 6caw, 7mf, 7nz?, (9ach), (9ahe), (9alc), (9arf), (9beg), (9bis), (9bkx), (9big), (9bm), (9bna), (9bva), (9cee), (9cej), (9cek), (9cfs), (9cgr), (9cjc), (9ckm), (9clz), (9cnb), (9cov), (9ctr), (9ctu), (9dlm), (9ejl), (9ejr), (9ejy), (9ep), Can. 1el, 2ax, (3ad), (3co), (3he), (3ly), 3wa. Reports on my sigs appreciated and all cards answered.

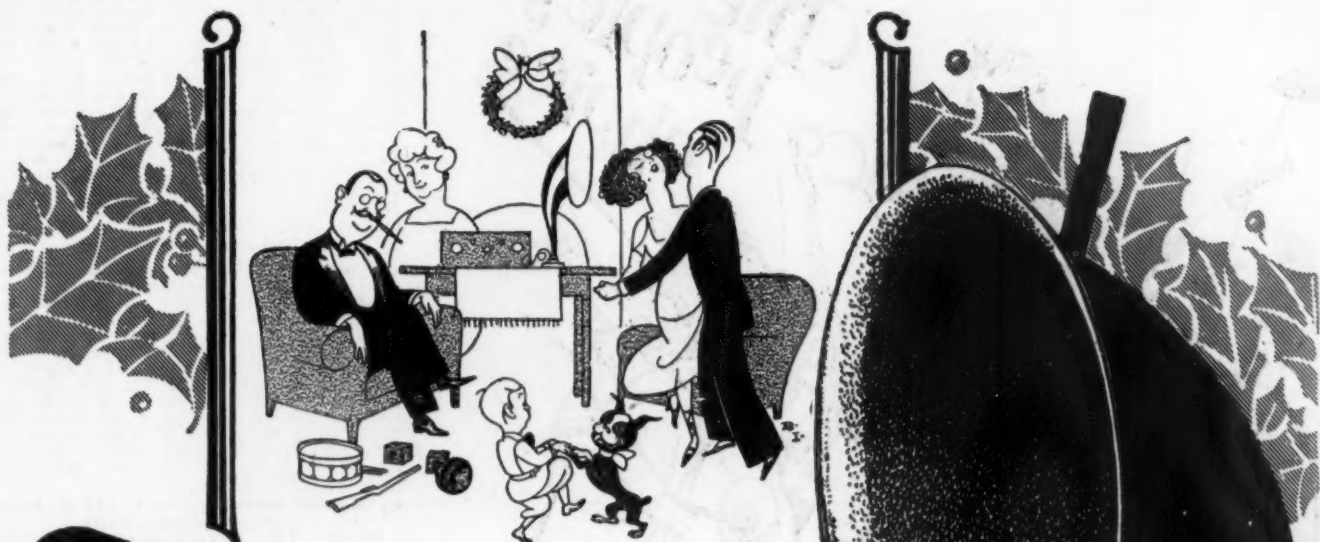
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**By Albert E. Searlett, Jr., Mount Vernon, N. Y.**  
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1aad, 1abf, 1aeg, 1ajo, 1ams, 1bbx, 1odx, 1bhm, 1bie, 2bni, 1cav, 1ccz, 1crj, 1cuc, 1he, 1nt, 1oz, 1py, 1rf, 1zp, 1zv, (2agq), 2agw, (2alg), 2axf, 2bck, 2bkr, 2boo, 2brb, 2cee, 2ub, 2xd, (3bdo), 3bvl, (3cdk), (3gc), 3nf, 4dx, 4eb, 4eg, 4hw, 4my, 4tj, 4un, 5apc, 5cn, 5ek, 5ka, 5mi, 5wo, 5zai, 6ahw, 6anb, 6cgu, 6chi, 6pl, 7bvl, 7ij, 7qc, 9aad, 9adp, 9amp, 9aoo, 9bkj, 9bmx, 9bqh, 9bsz, 9bvn, 9cee, 9cgo, 9coc, 9cro, 9dga, 9dgy, 9ar, 9lar, 2be (3aa), 3ad, 3cd, 3he, 3wv, 4cb.

By Robert Amshury, 6CIX, 317 N. Friends Ave., Whittier, Calif.

Below 100 meters—1aac, 1abf, 1ajp, 1awe, 1bgq, 1xav, 1er, 1gv, 1kc, 1my, 1om, 1sf, 1te, 1xw, 1xz, 2aay, 2aea, 2agb, 2brb, 2cjj, 2csc, 2cvu, 2lf, 2wr, 3adb, 3adp, 3aha, 3auy, 3bdo, 3chm, 3bb, 3hh, 3sf, 4bq, 4cg, 4ia, 4in, 4io, 4ku, 4mi, 4oa, 4qf, (4sa), 4tw, 5aal, 5agl, 5ajh, 5ame, 5amo, 5apg, 5zal, 5zas, 5ba, 5ld, (5dw), 5jf, 5ka, 5kq, 5mi, 5oa, 5ot, (5ov), 5ph, 5wu, 5wy, (6aww), (6bft), (6clp), 7abb, 7acl, (7aim), 7ajy, 7al, 7al, 7cw, 7eo, 7fd, 7fr, 7gd, 7gk, (7gr), 7ij, 7ik, 7lq, 7mf, (7pz), 7qd, 7rk, 7zm, 8bvu, 8cel, 8cyl, 8dhw, 8ej, 8hn, 8pl, 8ve, 8vq, 8wx, 8zz, 9aad, 9abf, (9aju), 9agl, 9avv, 9bjl, 9bmx, (9bvz), (9ccx), 9cer, 9cfl, 9cfy, 9cil, (9cjc), 9cju, 9cjl, 9cjs, 9com, 9cro, 9cta, (9ctr), (9cex), (9ded), 9dmj, 9dqu, 9dyn, 9dyt, 9efy, 9egu, (9eht), 9xbg, 9bm, (9em), 9es, 9ql, 9nv, 9ny, 9wv, 9yb, 9zb, 9zt, kdk, (nerk), ndf, nfv, nkf.

Can.—(3ly), 5wn.

Mex.—lb.

N. Z.—4ag, pse, qsl, if, u, hr, me. All cards answered.

By E. O. Knoch, 6BJX, 2823 E. 6th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

75-80 meters; all over 700 miles—1fd, 1sf, 1xw, 2brd, 2gk, (2mu), 2pd, (3ajd), 3be, (3bsb), 3bta, (4fg), 4tj, 5aal, (5adv), 5ajl, (5ajh), (5ak), 5ame, 5amo, 5amw, 5cn, (5gk), 5ka, 5mi, (5ot), (5ph), 5zas, (7acl), 7acm, 7ahs, (7alp), 7akk, (7bj), 7du, 7eo, 7fd, (7fr), (7fk), (7gq), (7gr), 7ij, (7lq), 7ls, 7pz, 7rd, 7sf, 7so, 8bjd, (8bpa), 8cel, (8cyl), (8gz), 8pl, 8xg, 8zz, 9abf, 9agl, 9ahq, 9amb, (9arj), 9auv, 9av, (9avg), 9awm, 9axx, 9bkk, 9bm, (9bmx), 9bqy, 9brx, 9bvz, (9bxq), 9cbf, 9cbk, 9ccx, 9cdo, 9cdv, 9cfl, (9cfy), 9cil, (9cjp), 9cjc, (9cjs), (9cju), 9ded, 9dfz, (9djd), 9dqm, (9dqu), 9dpz, 9drq, 9dvt, 9dvw, 9dwl, 9dxq, (9dxw), 9dxy, (9efy), 9ehk, 9eht, 9eky, 9lh, 9xbb, 9xw, 9zb, (9zd), 9zk, (9zt), kdk, nkf. Can.—3bq, 5go. All cards answered.

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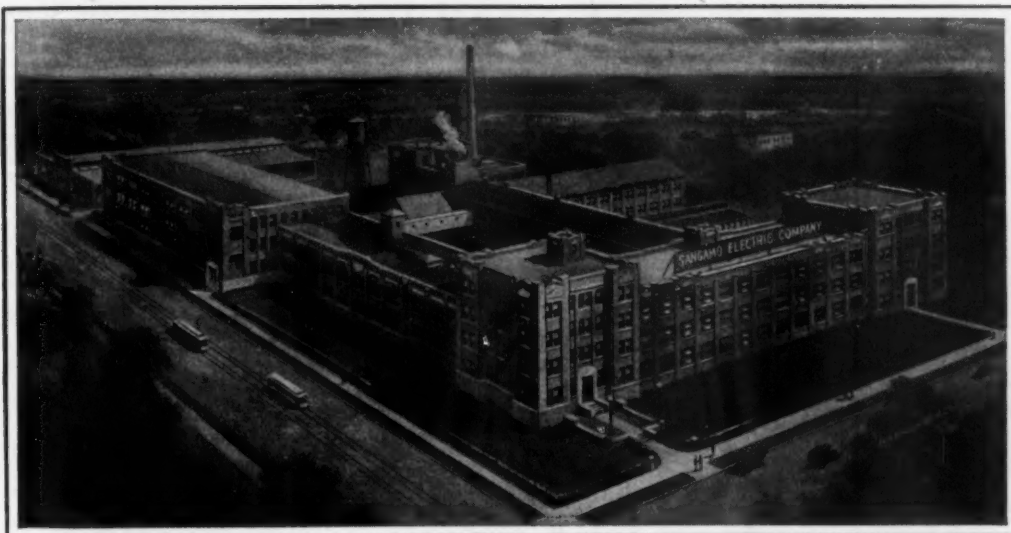
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By 6BBV, J. Barsby, 518 W. 50th St., Los Angeles

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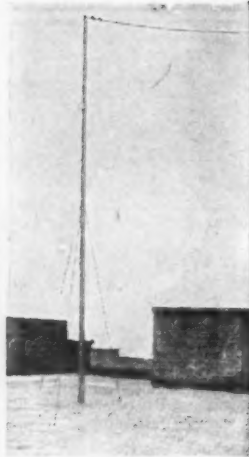
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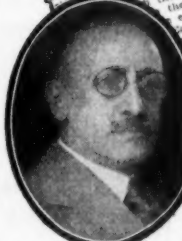
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## ON THE TRAIL OF THE TUBE SHARKS

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The response revealed the true colors of the tube sharks—

"Well—if you want to do business that way."

They don't.

Yet there are lots of good new and repaired tubes to be had. I personally helped one dealer to test through a shipment of 165 tubes, new and exchange repairs. Eighty of them were type 199s. These, of the popular types, are the hardest in the world to make or repair. They require the very best of materials, equipment, and men. After a sixteen-hour endurance test, these tubes all came out absolutely OK, except two, and these were replaced without question.

When sending in tubes for repair, select only concerns that advertise plainly a money back guarantee, in order to protect yourself from unsatisfactory work. Remember, however, that no concern on earth can in reason be expected to make good on tubes that you burn out by switching the B battery or by using too high filament current. A large number of individual tests prove that burning the filament of a good type 199 tube one volt too high for five minutes shortens its effective life 25 hours. Some sets are hard on tubes. Be honest. Tube filament breakage in mail-order shipments is incredibly small, about one per cent on gyp tubes, and practically zero on good strong high-grade repairs, well packed.

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Beware of postoffice box addresses. Don't overlook the fact that a mail order concern is not necessarily reliable because it has been operating a long while. I have had an experience with a fraudulent mail sales concern that operated successfully for nearly six years. Of course, you may get a fair tube repair or new tube from any one of the gyp concerns; but the ratio seems to run about one good tube to eight raspberries. Be thoughtful when you write testimonials. Your story of the splendid results of a tube in your audio frequency amplifier may cause another fellow to get stung on seven for his super-heterodyne. Don't fall for cut prices. The rock-bottom "bargain" is the tube-shark's favorite bait. Don't be an "egg."



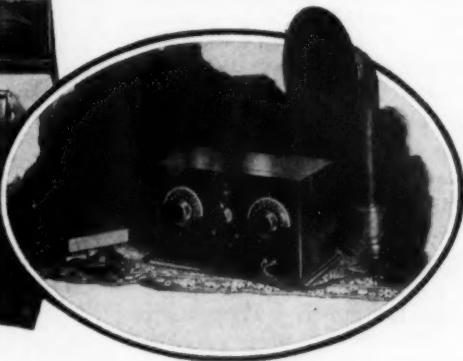
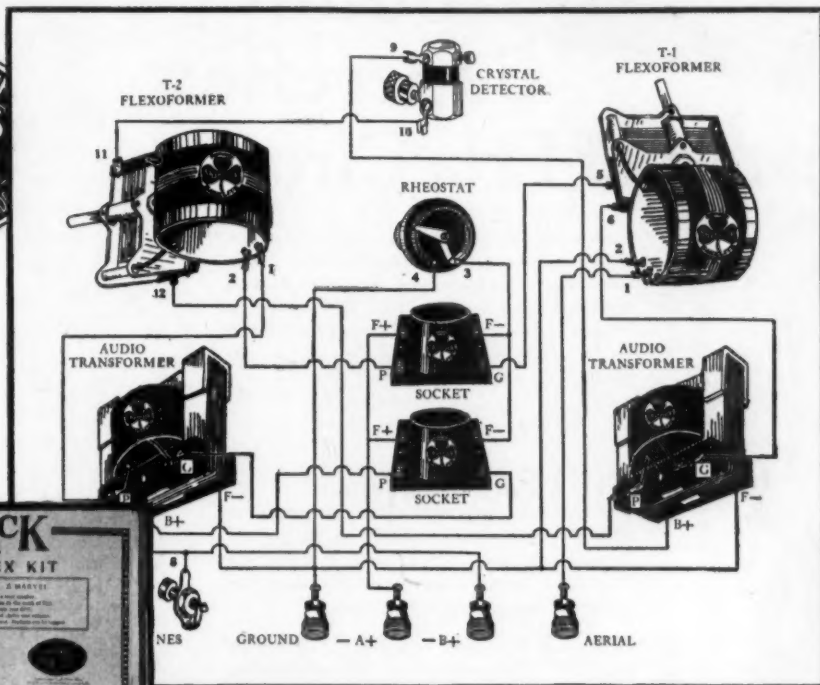
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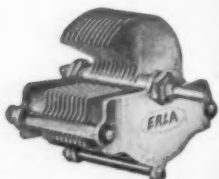
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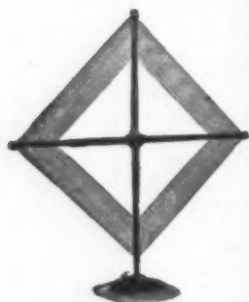
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## MY FIRST TRIP

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I had hardly fallen off to sleep before I was awakened by a bumping and scraping of the ship. While I was getting up to investigate, a seaman rushed into the room crying "Send SOS we're on the rocks." I soon had the motor generator started and turning to the man said, "Where is the Captain?" "On the bridge," he replied. "Go and ask him what our position is" I said. "There is no use in sending an SOS without giving our position so that we can be found." The man hurried off and soon returned with the Captain, who told me to send our position as "Off Tatoosh," and after a moment's reflection added "Send on Duncan Rock off Tatoosh."

The vessel was lurching terribly and it was all I could do to send, as I was compelled to hang on to my bunk with one hand and brace my feet against the switchboard to keep from being thrown about the room. My signals were acknowledged by the Canadian station VAE, who informed me that ships in that vicinity were on the lookout for us. It was too dark to see the shore and I began to wonder what the crew were doing and if they were getting lifeboats ready.

Some one passed along outside with a life belt on, which reminded me that I had forgotten to put on my own, so I dug it out of the corner where it was kept and put it on. The Captain, who had gone out in the meantime, returned again to the radio room with good news. "She won't sink" he said. Just three words but oh what a change it seemed to make. The mess boy, who before had been about frightened out of his wits, walked in smoking a cigar and the Captain went to his room and returned with a box full of the same brand, which he passed around, and we all had a smoke.

By this time the engine room was so full of water that the ship's power was out of commission, and as the radio set was not equipped with an auxiliary source of power, I was unable to send out any more information regarding our plight. Daylight was now breaking, and we all gathered on the port side to stare at the bleak and rocky coast which loomed up ahead of us. The tide was coming in and at was evident that if we stayed on board much longer, we would be washed overboard by the huge breakers that were already dashing over the forward end of the ship. The shore was quite a distance away and due to the rough sea and sharp rocks, was a dangerous swim for even a good swimmer. A young seaman agreed to make the attempt, however, and was successful in bringing a line to shore, which was rigged up as

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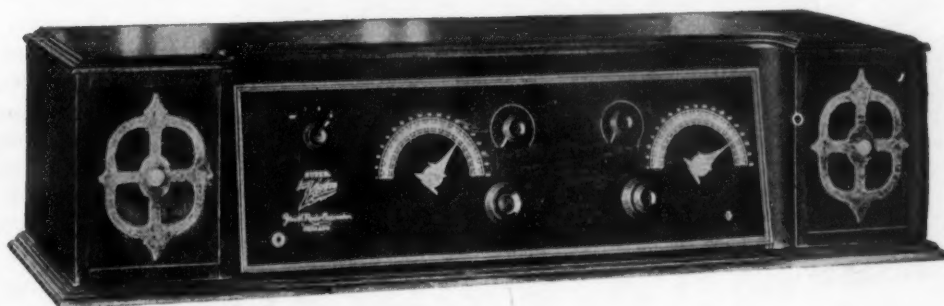


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a "breeches buoy" and on which the remainder of us slid to safety.

After a two-mile hike over a rough trail and through snow and mud, we arrived at the small village of Cloose, Vancouver Island. Here we were divided up among four or five Canadian families who gave us food and shelter until we were able to leave. We were on the island two days before the Coast Guard Cutter *Algonquin* and *Snohomish* arrived. We were then taken aboard the *Snohomish* and along with the crew of a British ship, the *Tuscan Prince*, that had met with the same fate, were taken to Port Angeles. We were met at the dock by newspaper reporters and photographers and after posing for flashlight pictures, arrangements were made for us to stay in town until the next day. In the morning we left for Port Townsend by rail and from Port Townsend we proceeded to Seattle by steamer.

Thus ended my first trip as a commercial radio operator.

In concluding I might add that the danger of shipwrecks on Vancouver Island has been greatly reduced by the erection of a radio compass station at Pachena Point so that cross bearings can be obtained from this station and the one on Tatoosh Island.

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### LOW LOSS TRANSMITTER

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are brought up to these direct from the terminals on the transformer, doing away with superfluous posts, and making it easy to introduce a rectifier if one is wanted. The two positive taps are bridged. That is the only change needed.

The lead from the counterpoise is brought direct to the inductance, and the one from the aerial is fastened to one terminal of the antenna ammeter. It is best to use a separate aerial for receiving, for then losses in a change-over switch are eliminated, and breakin is possible, for this set makes no noise when the key is up.

Keying in the primary of the plate transformer is almost a necessity. The current in the closed circuit is close to 10 amperes, and if the key is placed here it will have to be opened at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. or else have oil-immersed contacts, for it arcs something beautiful. Also it is very hot, and should the hand happen to touch the metal part a good demonstration of bloodless surgery will be obtained.

Use heavy wire, about No. 8 or 10. Solder all joints, and make all connections point to point. Ribbon antenna makes good leads for the filament circuit, and also for the clips on the inductances. Ignition cable is fine for heavy-duty flexible leads, such as from the plate transformer to the set, and for the power wiring.

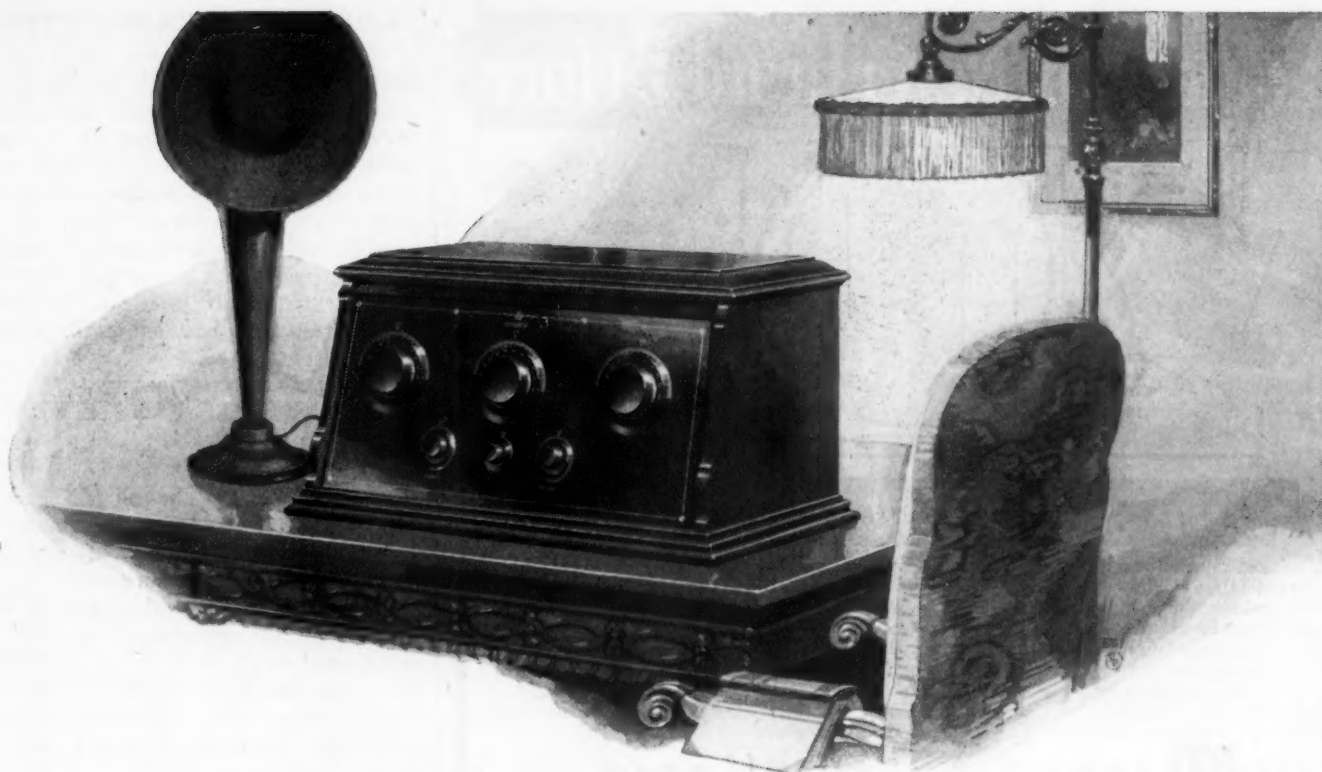
For tuning, first place the clips on the primary so that the plate is at the top, filament in the middle, and grid on the bottom. Set the primary condenser at half, bridging about six turns of inductance. Place the antenna and counterpoise clips on the primary for the time being, and tune for maximum radiation on wave desired. Now put antenna and counterpoise clips on the secondary, the same number of turns apart. Set the series condenser and readjust the primary condenser to maximum antenna current.

With an inductive coupled set, the point of greatest efficiency is not on the point of greatest antenna current. It is on the point of greatest antenna current with a quick pickup. By juggling, the meter can be made to go an ampere or so past this point, but the set is sluggish on oscillating, and often a number of the dots are inaudible, so go back a little and be satisfied. The nodal point may be ignored with safety, but no harm will be done in locating it in the center of the secondary. Anyway, it makes the operator think the set is working better, whether it is or not. A word of caution—don't lean on the key when one of the clips is off of the primary; it may cause a dangerous flashover. Also keep your hands off of the set when it is running.

A very long aerial with a relatively

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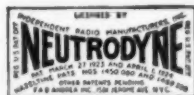
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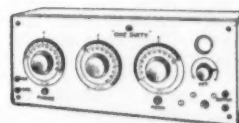


Anyone, without previous experience, can operate the Neutroceiver. You can turn your dials to previously located stations and bring them back night after night.

**Beauty?** As a piece of art-furniture, the FADA Neutroceiver is a masterpiece. The cabinet is solid mahogany, with the panel perfectly balanced and sloped gently to facilitate easy tuning.

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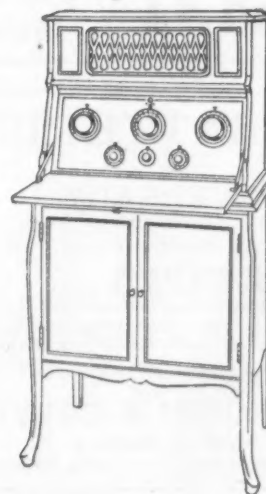


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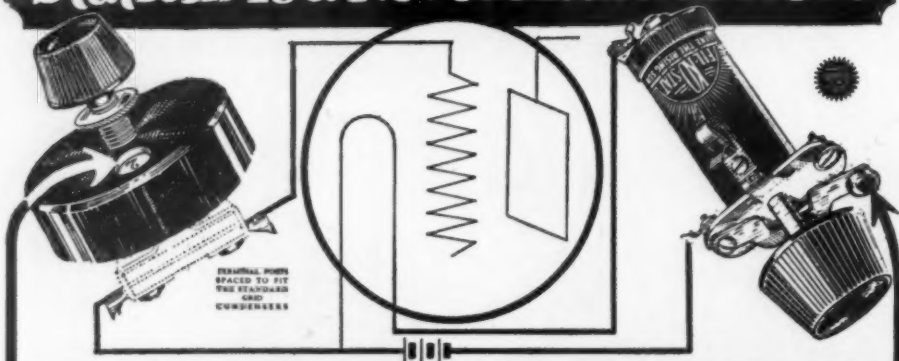
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## TRANSMITTER INSTALLATION

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through the fones. The coil *L* is used to tune the whole bridge to resonance in order that sufficient current may be passed to facilitate measurements.

The oscillator is tuned to any desired wave—say 200 meters—and the coil *L* is adjusted until *A* shows a maximum. The fones should be replaced by an ammeter until we come down to fine measurements. Now adjust both *C* and *R* to get a minimum current through the resonant circuit and *L* must be readjusted. This is rather a laborious process, but is an accurate and reliable one. When we have resonance and also least current in the balance circuit, we cut in the fones and balance *C* and *R* closely. At exact balance *R* equals the antenna resistance and *C* its apparent capacitance. This process is now repeated at other waves, and finally we are able to reproduce our antenna by a dummy at any desirable frequency. If we plot our antenna resistance, we can locate any humps, and thus tell if there is bad absorption in our antenna system.

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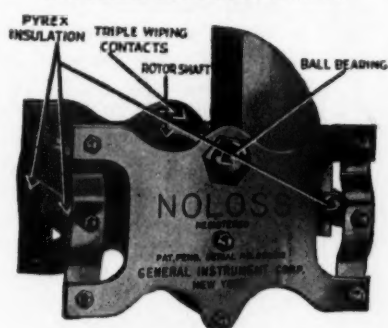
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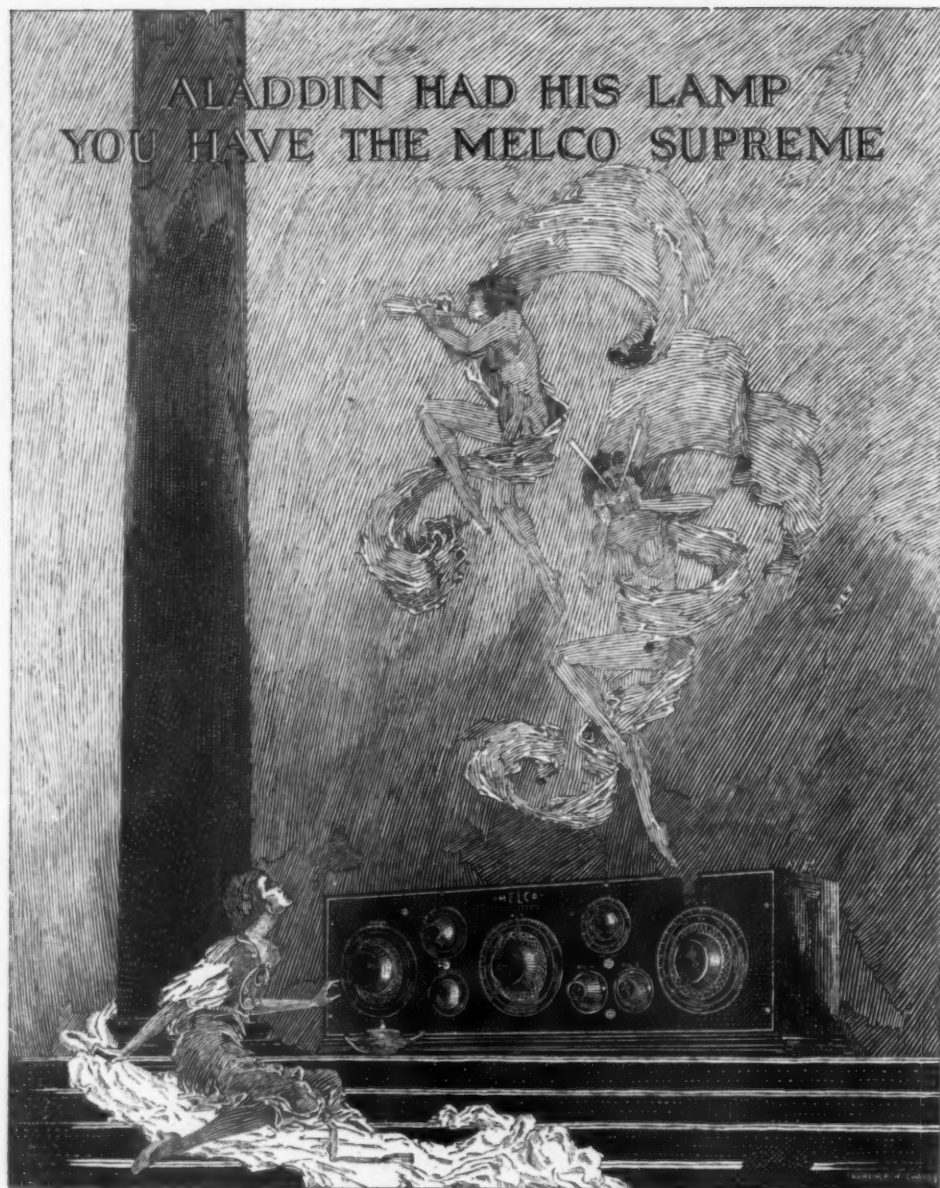


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a similar wire on the first socket on the negative terminal to the last socket on the negative terminal and connect leads to this for the other socket. The pictures show this clearly. Next connect the plates and grid leaks from the sockets to the super-multiformer. Wire in the potentiometer and rheostat and the jacks, and lastly place the coils in the proper position and wire them in also.

As will be seen in the diagram these jacks are of the filament control type. In Fig. 5, in front of the oscillator coils, is shown a small round instrument which is a combination choke and by-pass, necessary in this type of oscillating circuit. It is known as the Precise "Filter-former." If it cannot be obtained, a choke coil of approximately 200 millihenry and a .006-mfd. fixed condenser may be substituted.

After the set is completely wired, it is advisable to go over the connections thoroughly and check up to see that no errors have been made. Fig. 3 shows clearly how the wiring should be done. Run all battery connections near the baseboard, and the grid and plate lead from the tuner to the oscillator up in the air.

Connect the necessary batteries and insert one tube in the first socket. Plug the head phones into one of the jacks. The tube should light if the rheostat has been turned on. Take the tube out and place it in each socket to make sure that all filament circuits are O. K. If the tube has not blown out after being inserted in the sockets, it shows conclusively that the builder is one of the lucky ones, and has not got his B battery tangled up with the filament connections. If this be the case, it would be advisable here to slap yourself on the back, as generally somehow or other B batteries will insist upon getting connected into circuits where they do not belong. All the tubes then may be safely placed in their respective sockets.

Looking from the right hand side to the left with the panel in front of the operator, the first tube is the first detector, the next three are the radio frequency amplifiers. The next is the second detector. After this is the audio, and the last is the oscillator tube. This scheme is the reverse of the standard practice but is used this way because it simplifies the general layout.

After the tubes have been inserted, set the rheostat, which is the right hand knob, on about seven-eighths. If your battery delivers 6 volts, the tubes will be burning at approximately 5 volts.

The potentiometer should be turned in a clockwise direction and after it has been turned about three quarters on, a rushing sound will be heard. This will indicate that the long wave amplifier is in a state of oscillation. The poten-

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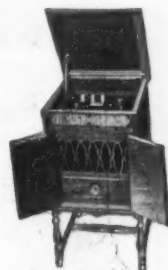
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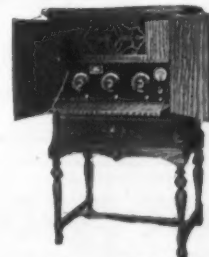


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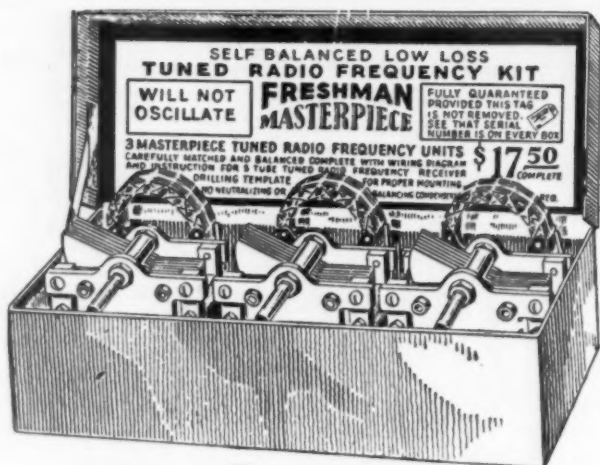
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tiometer should be turned back a ways just beyond this point for best results. The best time to test this outfit out is when one of the local broadcasting stations is in operation, because the final adjustments in balancing the oscillator and the tuning circuit will be easier then.

Turn the condenser knobs slowly from the beginning of the scale. At every five degrees or so move the small coil in the oscillator inductance back and forth until the local station is tuned in. Adjust this coil for best response. It can now be left set. Keep on rotating the condenser dial until a station approximately 200 meters difference is found. Move the small coil again to bring this station up to maximum response. If the coils have been made with care, and are exactly like the ones used in this set, it will not be necessary to move it more than a degree or so. However, a few degrees one way or the other will not produce any serious results. If the coil has to be rotated more than a quarter of rotation, it would be advisable to rebuild the coils, for best results cannot be had when the coils are in this condition. When the best position has been found, it is advisable to solder the shaft of the small coil fast to the nut on the outer coil, so that its position cannot be changed by accident.

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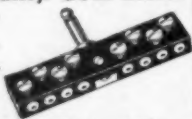
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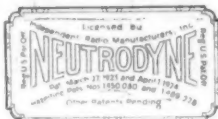
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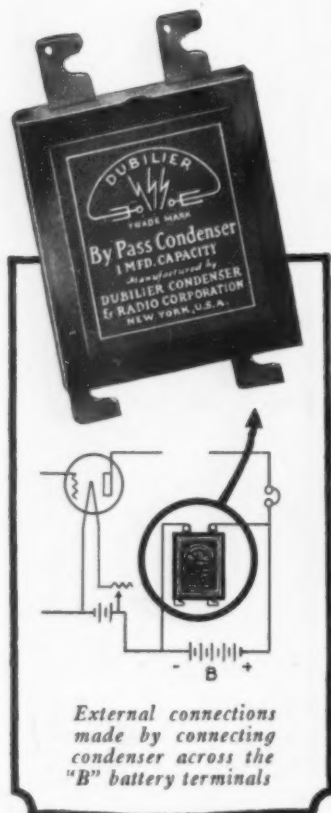
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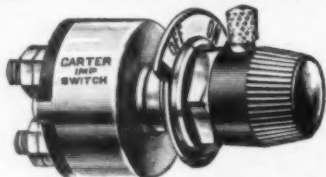
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then to deeper crime. "GFS" turned slowly in the big office chair, and placed his piercing eyes on his grandson. He remained silent for a moment and then with a look of sudden determination squared himself for the final words.

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"Well, why don't you go?"

Raymond sat in silence some moments, the copy he had prepared and held in his hand advertising the "Shaw Vacuum Tube" was unconsciously crumbled in the tightening fingers. Since finishing college he had been advertising manager for the big corporation which bore his name. His position and promotion now seemed to fade like the mist of the early morn. A remembrance of his grandfather's question brought him again to the grave situation now at hand.

He rose and tiptoed out of the room. "GFS" had a bad temper, better let him cool off a little. He would go back to the office and see if the Christmas gifts and bonuses were being prepared for the employees.

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She didn't thank him. Her attitude rather implied that he had done a double wrong in bringing suspicion upon an innocent old man. The daughter seemed to shrink away as though she might be contaminated. His grandfather's secretary quickly picked up her mesh bag and placed it securely in her lap.

Phil Loren, the auditor, whose work took him to every branch of the big corporation, sat with a cynical smile on his face as he watched Raymond come into the office. A feeling of antipathy had sprung up between them months ago. Time had fanned the glowing embers of dislike until now a visible hatred existed between the two. Irritated by all this, Raymond took his hat and went out into the street.

"By George, who would have thought it?" he murmured to himself as he drove home. When he entered his room he found Sam stowing his clothes away in his grips and trunk.

"What are you doing, Sam?" he said sharply.

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"Mistah Shaw done telephoned me to git all yo' contraptions together, suh, said you were going away for good, and for me to—"

"Well, get out of here and cut out this nonsense."

Sam laid a pair of black trousers neatly pressed on the bed, and silently made his exit.

Raymond went down stairs and out to the laboratory where he spent considerable time in experimenting in radio construction. He was preparing a series of radio letters to boys who did not have money enough to purchase one of the expensive sets. From his own observation he had placed radio fans in three classes—the novice who enjoys broadcasting, the amateur who sends and receives code, and the experimenter who gets pleasure from making his own sets. The latter offered a lucrative field in which to do some special advertising.

The keeper of the estate was a little man, a sharp chin import from England. He stood up as Raymond approached, with a copy of the evening paper in his hand. Raymond noted the same expression on his face he had seen the office girl bestow upon him. The story was out. Some inconsiderate reporter had perhaps scored a scoop.

"Peter, would you believe me to be a thief?" Raymond asked impulsively.

"Well, now," evaded the little man, "I wouldn't take it so seriously. Young fellows will be wild at times, and often get in deeper than they expect."

Disgusted at the whole affair, Raymond turned to the house where Sam met him at the door. "Miss Helen's gal done fetched this little box. No message. Miss Helen said just give it to you and you'd understand."

He opened the velvet box which silently told its story.

Trembling and scornful fingers tossed a diamond ring at Sam's feet. "It will make a fine present for your Mandy," he said.

In the center of the room he paused a moment, then called.

"Oh, Sam."

"Yes, suh."

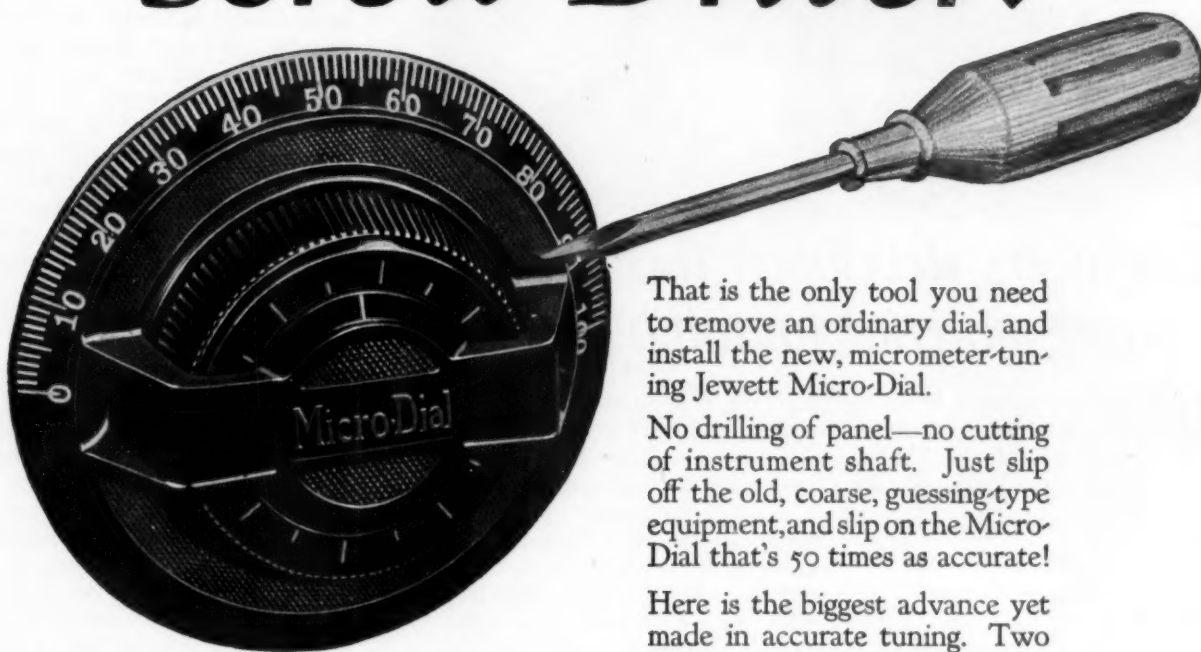
"Go ahead with your packing. "GFS" was right. I'm going away."

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ings, or gifts to send out to those you love is still worse.

In all the world there could have been no one more lonely than Raymond Shaw on the fifth Christmas Eve of his wanderings. The heart of youth does not turn bitter in one hour or three—but five years can work a marvel. He lived in a shadow of loneliness, a shadow cast by his own reserve. In the twelve months he had lived in Ogden he had made no friends. He had secured his position through an application to one of the mid-western branches of his grandfather's huge corporation, and now lived under the name of Harold Wayne. He had been promised a promotion the first of the year. Twelve months of constant application to his work in the advertising department and experimental laboratory had been sufficient to bring his worth to the attention of Mr. Morten, the superintendent.

On Christmas Eve he sat before the grate fire of Mrs. Pierce's empty boarding house, tasting the bitterness of solitude and finding it heavier than usual to bear. The place was empty, as were all the other homes in Ogden. Every one had gone to the big celebration in the radio employees' gymnasium. It had been the custom for years for everyone to attend these annual parties, but this year the interest had been greater than usual. The company was introducing a new feature which had been the talk of the city. De Forest's phonofilm pictures, which reproduce sound simultaneously with the action on the screen, were the added attraction, followed by the usual dancing. Harold had worked most of the day getting the machine in running order and giving instructions to one of the mechanics.

He was really sentimental, at times more so than others. Tonight he dwelt in a land of treasured memories. He held a little knot of dead flowers in his hand. Last spring they had lived, cast a fragrance along with their beauty, then faded and lost their golden color, a life symbolical of his own. His only venture into the social life since coming to Ogden had been when he attended a party given in honor of the superintendent's daughter.

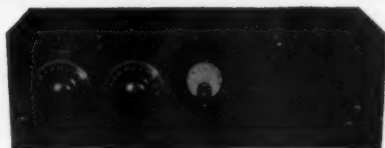
She was a typical American girl, combining health with certain feminine daintiness. No one could have sensed the inner qualities that doubled the fire of her beauty. Harold Wayne called it "soul." Ruth Morten was a lovely girl, what a wonderful woman she would make. At the close of the party her scarf had caught on the chair opposite him. He attempted to loosen it, and then as gently as a caress she had dropped the flowers in his hand, and whispered "Good Night."

The next time he saw her she had given no sign of recognition, and of

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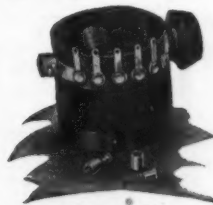
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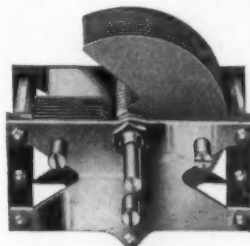
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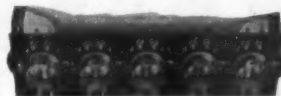
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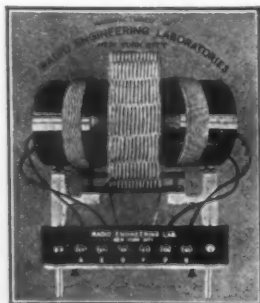
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course he did not presume to notice it. Yet her indifference hurt. Perhaps some one had seen her act and chided her about it. If he spoke to her she might rebuff him, and yet had she not given him ample cause to assume he might do such without being classified as bold. Back in the past which he had chosen to forget he had been said to have a way with women, but he made no attempt to break down the barriers of reserve. The withered flowers he held in his hand, a fond remembrance in an hour of loneliness.

Suddenly Ruth Morten herself came in the room. He scrambled to his feet; the withered flowers fell to the floor.

"R-Ruth," he gasped.

She didn't seem quite real, perhaps it was a dream. There was no lamp in the room, only the glow of the grate made her visible before him.

"When they couldn't get the phonofilm to work dad sent Junior after you. I knew you would be alone, that's why I came along. The boys have been playing Santa Claus, and gathering the kiddies and presents for the party. I've been doing my bit too in my own car. I thought you wouldn't be there tonight, so I brought a gift to you."

"That's very nice of you to remember me," he croaked.

"Don't you like us at all—not any of us," she asked after a moments pause. "You never seem the least bit sociable."

He attempted to answer but words failed him. He pointed abstractly to her flowers on the floor, but she failed to understand his silence and continued.

"Don't you know," Ruth went on earnestly, "I think Christmas Eve is different from all other nights. I don't know what it is that hurts you, but I am sure there is something that makes you unhappy. You know when I was making so many Christmas presents to give all my friends I just couldn't settle down to warm contented gladness and know you were left out. Silly of me wasn't it—so I made you this gift and I hope you'll like it."

She had a small flat package in her hand wrapped in a bit of newspaper. Harold couldn't have spoken for the life of him. A huge knot in his throat kept back any thought of gratitude he might desire to express.

"Please don't spoil it. I know you are not interested in getting presents from me, but I did it for my own peace of mind. I placed a newspaper around the package so it wouldn't get soiled. See, it is all dressed up with ribbon." She tore off the paper and made as if to crumple it.

"Please don't spoil it, I care even for the newspaper."

"You see, there were really several things I came for," she said changing the subject. "Dad wants you to come

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at once and fix the machine, the pictures and sound don't synchronize; then I wanted to bring you the present, and last but not least to ask you if you wouldn't remain for the rest of the program and dance."

"Suppose I would stay for the program," he asked after they were seated in the car, "would you dance with me?"

"As much as you wish, even though Phil is there."

"And who is Phil may I ask."

"One of the men who visits the office frequently from Los Angeles. I met him over a year ago, and since then he has come several times to see me."

Harold hoped the expression of his face portrayed no evidence of his feeling within. "I think after all you may be right about Christmas Eve. Its the hour of miracles, changes, and a time to forget unpleasant things. I'll stay just for tonight."

In the cloak room he laughed again, with a flash of his fine teeth and a mad glint in his eye at the astonishment of the other men. Tonight he would be Raymond Shaw of olden days. He adjusted the phonofilm machine, and after the program went out with the others.

On the floor of the gymnasium he found Ruth surrounded by a cluster of her friends. Easily he slipped into the inner ring.

"May I see your program, Miss Morten?" he asked politely.

Without reply she extended the card which was still blank. She had evidently waited before giving it to the other. He recalled her answer when he had asked her if she would dance with him. "As much as you like," the words were stamped indelibly in his memory. He would take the words for what they said. He crossed out every dance on the program; why should he consider the others? Did they not have her at all other times? This was to be his night. Before he completed marking her program the music started. A murmur of protest followed as he swept Ruth into his arms.

Dance after dance they had together, forgetting those about them. When conscience rapped him because of his actions he threw it off. There would be no gloom-casters tonight.

The evening had glided by as merrily as the dancers on the floor. They had made no attempt to mingle with the others, he was conscious of only one person in all that merry throng. They were dancing the last waltz of the program when the music stopped just as they were opposite the place where the refreshments were being served.

Mr. Morten standing with a group of others drinking punch called to Ruth. "I say... a't you two be a little sociable and join us in some refreshments."

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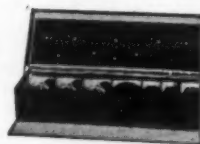
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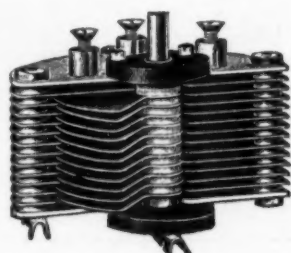
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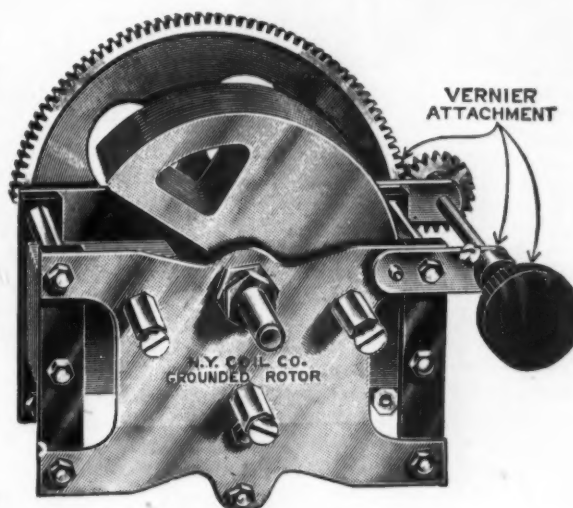


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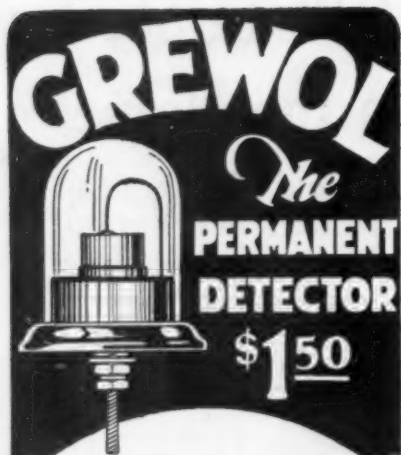
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Arm in arm they walked slowly towards the group. Harold by chance glanced at Mr. Morten's companions, as he did so his eyes fell upon a face strangely familiar. The gentlemen's piercing look seemed to cast a foreboding of evil. A second look and he recognized Phil Loren, the head auditor from his grandfather's office.

"Mr. Wayne I want you to meet Mr. Loren, who has been over to the Denver office for the past month straightening out a rather tangled mess in the books, and who is here now to see what we are doing."

Harold extended his hand to acknowledge the introduction, but Mr. Loren purposely withheld his. The act was so plainly visible it was noticed by all. Their relation had always been one of enmity. Harold's atrocious actions in monopolizing Ruth's time, which Loren thought rightfully belonged to him, was sufficient cause to ignite the embers of a jealous revenge.

"Mr. Wayne," he added coldly, "or perhaps I should say Mr. Shaw for that is the name by which I have known him before."

"Why, Mr. Loren, what do you mean," demanded Ruth's father quickly.

"I mean simply this," his dark eyes flashing with hatred, "this impudent villain is not Mr. Wayne. He was an employee in our office five years ago and was discharged. Ladies and gentlemen this man is a thief!"

"Mr. Wayne what have you to say for yourself," demanded Morten.

"There is no satisfactory explanation I can make, I bid you good night."

THE Christmas morning sun came shining into Harold Wayne's bedroom. He stirred, groaned over some fragment of a haunting dream and woke. Through his muddled brain came a realization of the night before. On the table by his bed was the gift still on the unfolded paper that protected it. It was part of the Christmas Eve miracle which had brought joy into a lonely life, and now but the shattered remains of a pleasant memory.

There was a knock on the door. "If your up, Mr. Wayne, there is a gentleman here to see you," said the cheery voice of Mrs. Pierce. "It's Mr. Morten."

He dressed hurriedly and found Mr. Morten pacing back and forth in front of the window, his face flushed with anger.

"Well," said Harold with his head back.

Mr. Morten sputtered helplessly for a moment. "I guess you know what I'm here for."

Harold nodded his reply.

"I'll have you know its a promise to my wife and not my years that keeps

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me from dragging you out and attempting to give you the thrashing you deserve. Why didn't you tell me about this when I hired you?"

"If I had told you the story would you have hired me?"

"Certainly not."

"That is exactly why I didn't tell you; I needed a job."

"Confound your impudence. Does that excuse you from coming here and taking advantage of me?"

"What advantage have I taken?"

"You are dishonest. A thief!"

"Have I been dishonest, or acted like a thief since I have worked for you?"

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"Perhaps you are right in that, however, I am not here to argue."

"You have accused me of being dishonest, but you yourself have never found me so; my work you criticize now because you are angry. I resent your accusation as to my integrity, or criticism of my work. I am willing to listen to what you want."

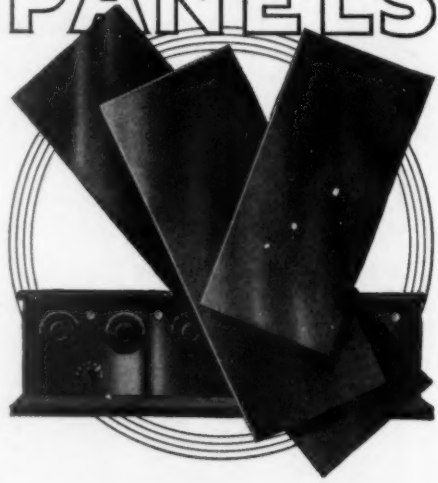
"If I had my way," he fumed, "I'd—but after all this is Christmas. Look here! You understand of course you are fired from the company. If you get out today I'll not take the matter up with the head office, if not we shall see what they can do for you."

It passed through Raymond's mind there could be no greater power of vengeance than accusing one of dishonesty, taking from him his means of sustenance. He assured Mr. Morten he would leave that afternoon, whereupon Mr. Morten left the house.

Raymond dropped heavily into a chair beside the window. The busy crowd on the street showed evidence of the holiday spirit. It was the spirit of good will when others forget themselves and give more thought to the joy of loved ones about them. The memory of Ruth was an oasis in a desert of loneliness. She had brought to him a

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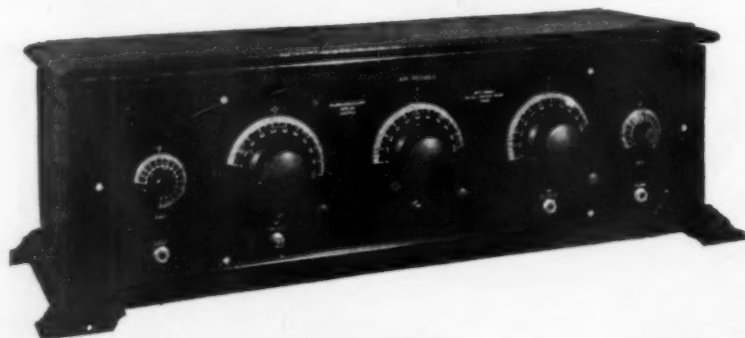
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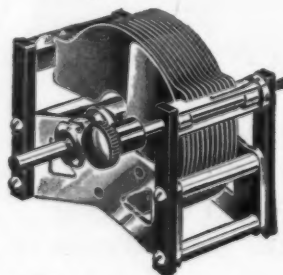
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new life, a world that might be made a wonderful place in which to live, but it had changed as quickly as it had appeared. This little storm would pass, he would go to some unknown place and start again. Her life would go on beautifully and serenely to its appointed goal.

Two hours later he took his suit case from the closet and placed it on the bed. While he was making a mental inventory it was natural for him to think of his two greatest treasures. He gathered them together, a withered bunch of flowers and the Christmas present she had brought.

Going to the table he raised the box carefully. A softening of his emotions came as his eyes rested on the gift. Then he gave a sudden start. Folded outside on the piece of newspaper was a head line beginning, "Long Beach, California, December 18."

In the bitterness of renunciation Harold had put the past away from him, he had severed every tie, having no faith in the endurance of friendship, or paternal love. Something stirred him to unfold the paper and read that scrap of correspondence. It was the first real news he had heard from his home town in five years. As he read a wonderful light flamed into his eyes. He finished reading with a mad shout that contained all the pent up tension of the years. He glanced at the top of the sheet of paper. It had been printed in the Long Beach Press. How had it come to be way out here, and how had she chanced to use it on the gift she brought him? What a difference it would make in the world. It turned time back five years and wiped out the black hours. He would be able to forget everything. No, not everything, there were some things which he did not care to forget, even through those dark lonely hours. It was the bitterness of the past which brought her into his life. She came the most beautiful way a woman can come, giving and not seeking.

A rap on the door woke him from his dream. "Come in," he shouted expecting to see Mrs. Pierce. The door opened and Junior Morten entered.

"Sis sent me up to ask you if you wouldn't come down to the car for a moment Mr. Wayne."

He followed Junior down stairs and met Ruth, who was sitting in her coupe. She opened the door and motioned for him to be seated beside her.

"I know you are frightfully shocked," she said going back to her mask of lightness. "I wouldn't have dared to do this but I just had to see you and say good-bye."

"It was divine a thing for you to do" said Harold in his deep sentimental way. Then he asked an apparently irrelevant question.

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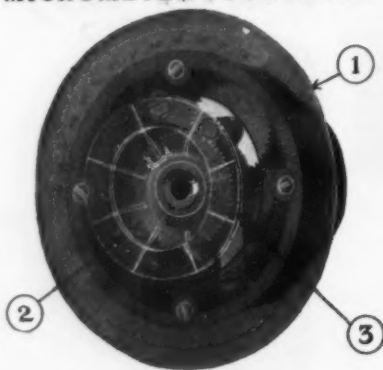
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"Was it a piece of the Long Beach paper?"

"Yes."

"A chum of mine sent it to me telling me about a radio party, they had at the Virginia Club. She thought I might try something like that here. Why do you ask about the paper?"

"Did you read the page you sent me?"

"No, I didn't read anything except about the party."

"I want you to read something."

"What in the world," wondered Ruth, but she took the paper he held in his hand without further questioning.

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Young Shaw disappeared immediately after his confession, and has not been heard of since. Detectives will institute a search for him.

That evening Raymond sat smoking a cigar and visiting with the Morten family, when Junior called from the other room. "Come in here you folks and listen to my new set. Its one of those you told me how to build in your letters Mr. Shaw. I made it myself." With boyish pride he turned the dials until a clear voice spoke.

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"I think it is the most wonderful set I have ever heard."

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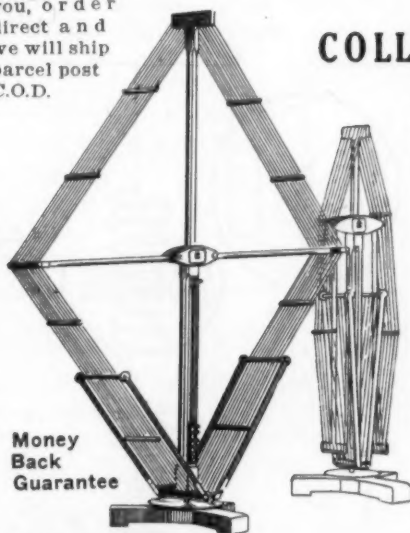
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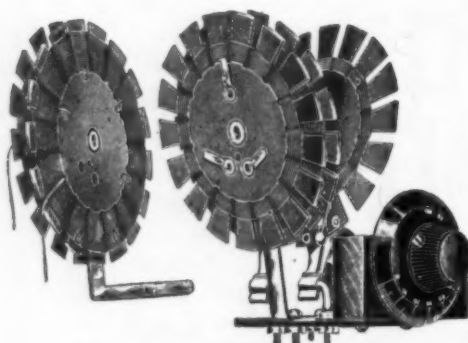
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placing the tickler coil close to  $PS$  or  $L_2$ . Or, if the desire to create a more novel circuit with another control to monkey with, seizes the experimenter, he can make  $L$  in two parts and have a sort of double feed-back, shown in Fig. 4. The

a detector and then carrying audio-frequency as well, through the same tubes. The more common position in which to look for the secondary of the audio transformer in the reflexed part is in the set-wire leading from the coil  $PS$  to the filament. This wire is called the "grid return." As previously, a variometer may be used to pass forward

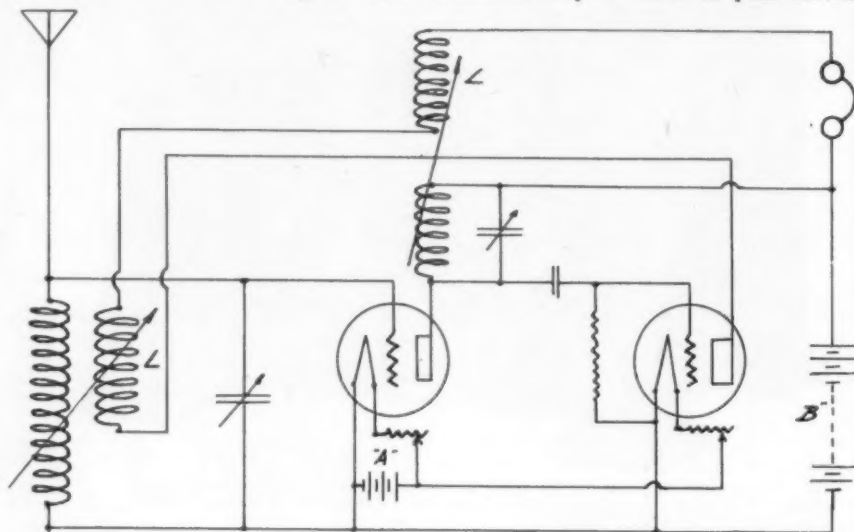


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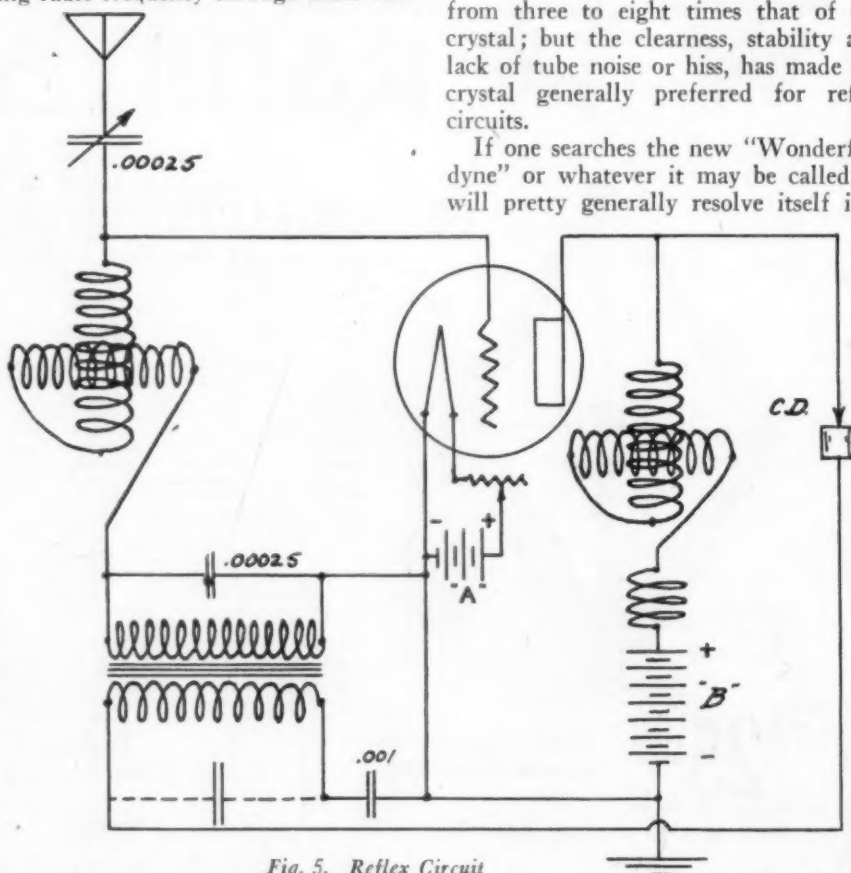


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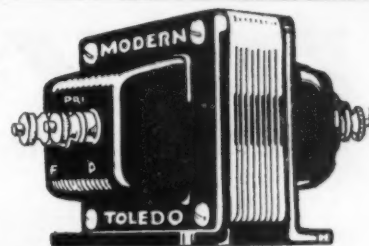
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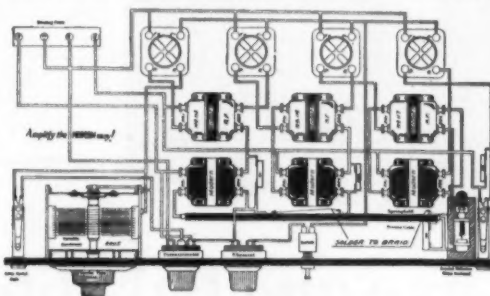
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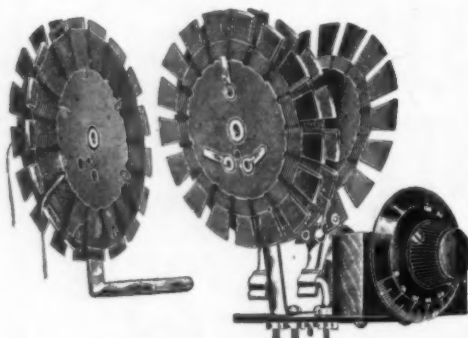
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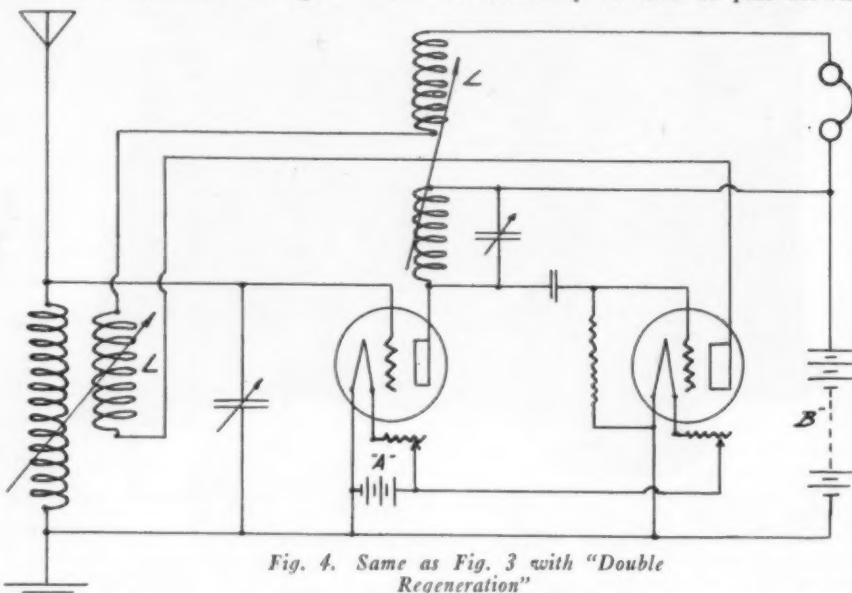


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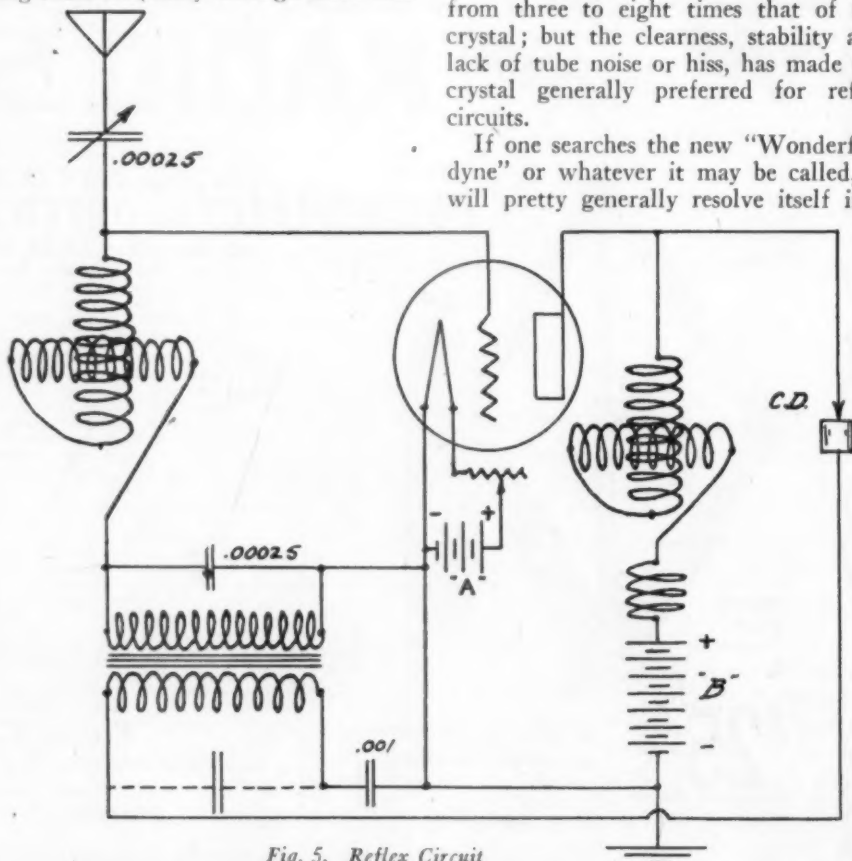


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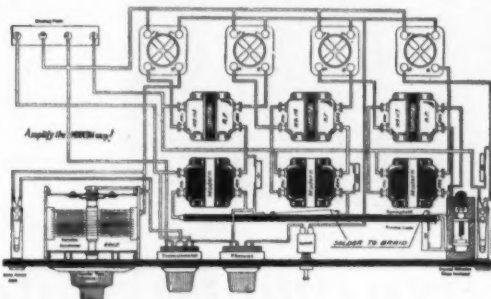
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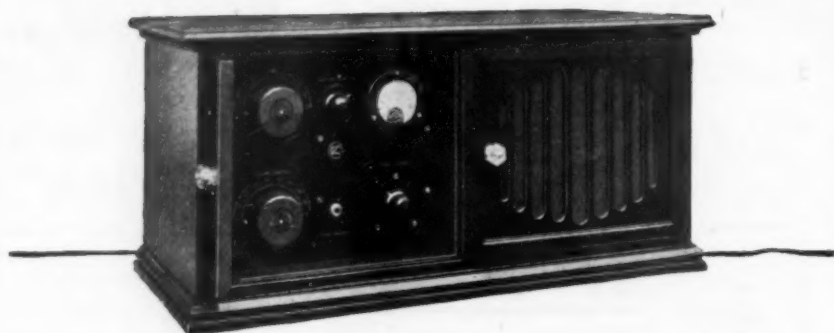
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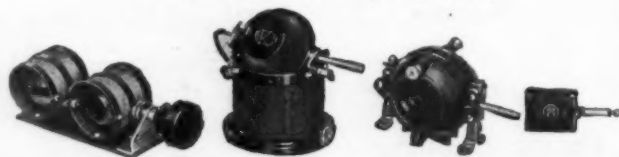
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The loud speaker is the next possible source of distortion. For relatively weak signals many speakers are made and sold at prices of ten dollars and less. They are intended, it should be remembered, for weak signals such as would normally result from a single audio stage. If an attempt is made to overload these speakers very bad distortion results, making them almost ludicrous to hear. It is not recommended that economy be considered foremost in the selection of a loud speaker. It is best to purchase one made by a reliable manufacturer and above all to listen critically and intently before buying, in conjunction with a standard receiving outfit.

The loud speaker should be purchased on approval, because no single item of the radio set is so important, and one should know all its characteristics before buying. Some speakers are resonant at a certain note; they will resound violently whenever this note is reached. Others will not properly handle even moderate power. In judging the value of any loud speaker it is well to listen to its rendition of many kinds of voices and instruments. Very often a single instrument like the violin will sound good even on a poor speaker, whereas the full orchestra will reveal its defects. The very best test is the quality of speech. If all types of speaking voices sound reasonably clear and natural then one may be certain that the loud speaker is a good one and music will sound relatively even better.

The remaining possible source of distortion in the audio circuit is the amplifying transformer. This is probably the most frequent. An audio frequency amplifying transformer is not expensive and the difference in price between a good one and a poor one is slight. Yet there are thousands of transformers which are good only for amplifying radio telegraph signals where quality is no factor. The audio frequency transformer is surely the vital part of the radio—it is one of those elements whose quality alone must be the guide to choice.

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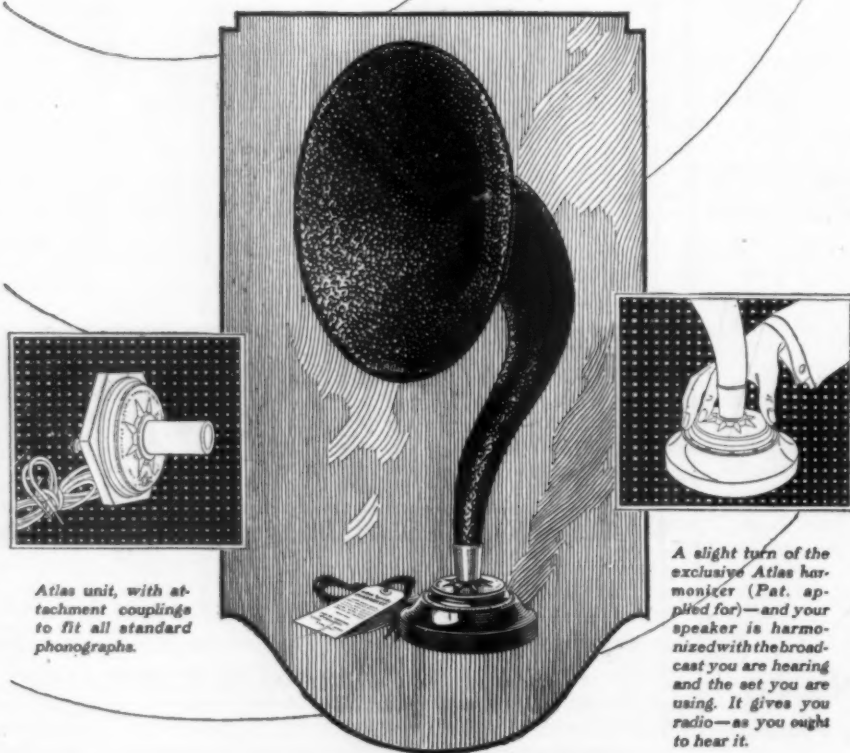


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But emphatically audio transformers are not alike and interchangeable. They are built not for appearance, convenience or mechanical strength—they are built primarily to preserve all the frequencies which have been handed over from the detector circuit and to pass them on to the loud speaker.

The reason that audio transformers are not alike in quality is that they do not amplify the different frequencies presenting the voice to the same degree. Thus a poor transformer will leave out entirely the low frequencies. It will specialize on the higher frequencies and it will sometimes pick out one resonant frequency to favor particularly, so that this frequency will come out of the loud speaker very much exaggerated in strength while low and medium frequencies are absent altogether. The effects are lamentable. Tenors suddenly become falsetto sopranos, orchestras become flute and violin quartets, speakers develop nasal catarrhs and other apparent troubles.

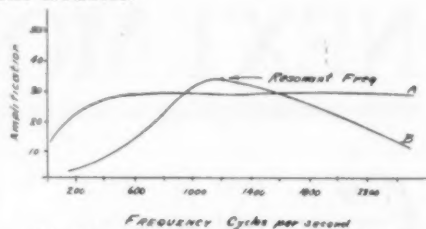


Fig. 1. Amplification Curves of Good Audio Transformer

In Fig. 1 is given the amplification curve of a good audio transformer. Vertically is plotted amplification and horizontally is plotted frequency. Inspection shows that between a range of 600 to 40,000 cycles the amplification is substantially equal and the curve is flat. This covers the ordinary soprano range as well as that of many instruments. From 100 to 600 the amplification is not even, discriminating against low frequencies. Yet this is an extremely good curve compared with that of a poor transformer superimposed in Fig. 1. Instead of a flat characteristic the poor transformer will give a peaked one so that some definite frequency will show very large amplification, whereas the frequencies below 1,000 cycles pass on with very little amplification and are consequently inaudible.

This discussion should convince anyone that even the very best audio transformer is none too good for a radio set.

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Practice shows that the use of a good make of transformer will make the tone quality nearly all that can be desired—full rich tones, natural and worth listening to by a musically critical ear. In purchasing an audio transformer therefore price is no factor. There are a few standard makes of manufacturers with years of experience and national reputation. In general, here as elsewhere, one gets what one pays for, but more so than anywhere else, false economy does not pay.

When the three elements, the tube, transformer and loud speaker, are properly chosen, the quality obtainable is all that can ordinarily be desired. The full orchestra comes through completely from the piccolo down to the bass drum, and the result is such that even a musical critic may listen to with pleasure. It certainly is a revelation to those who have listened merely to a "radio set" and condemned it as a mechanical curiosity. If this article has succeeded in conveying the idea to the constructor and purchaser as to where to give up the *economy* idea and what to look for in *quality* it will have accomplished its purpose.

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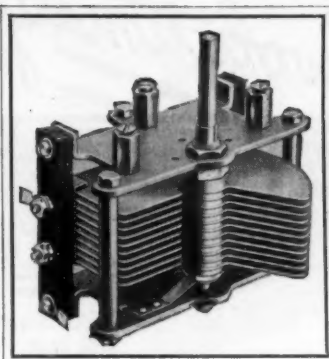
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1aac, 1aap, 1aea, 1ams, 1al, 1all, 1apk, (1are), 1atj, 1att, 1awe, 1axa, 1AOU, 1ayq, 1bc, 1bie, 1bib, 1bgq, 1boa, 1bkr, 1bqi, 1bsd, 1cmp, (1coj), 1da, 1dd, 1el, 1er, 1fd, 1gv, 1kc, 1ml, 1my, 1nf, (1nt), 1nu, 1qv, 1rp, 1sf, 1sw, 1te, (1ts), 1tu, (1vc), 1xap, 1xaw, 1xu, 1xw, 1xam, 1zab, 1ow, 1v, 1cwj, 1tt, 1tb, (1abp), 2abr, (2ach), 2abg, 2acs, (2agq), 2agw, (2aoy), 2axc, 2bec, 2bg, 2bgi, 2bqu, 2bqw, 2brb, 2bse, 2buy, 2byp, 2bge, 2ce, (2cee), 2ceg, 2cgj, 2chs, (2chz), 2crp, 2ctn, 2cxy, 2cyx, 2cyg, 2cyw, (2czr), 2bqb, 2gk, 2kd, 2ku, 2nm, 2oq, (2pd), 2py, (2qs), 2rk, (2sy), 2wc, 2wz, (2kx), (2ate), 3acf, 3acy, 3adp, 3ajd, 3aix, 3adb, 3arp, 3leo, 3esz, 3bz, 3ebi, (3che), (3cdn), (3edk), 3cg, 3chg, (3ckl), 3cog, 3cyw, 3il, 3fv, 3hq, 3kq, 3oq, 3cn, 3wv, 3zs, 4bq, 4bz, 4dv, 4dx, 4eq, 4ft, (4fz), 4hw, 4fn, 4kq, 4li, 4mi, 4mz, 4lo, 4oa, (4pd), 4qf, 4qk, 4rg, 4ro, 4rr, (4sl), 4tn, 4vn, 4xe, 4xx, 4hr, 4yn, 6aa, 6ab, 6ac, 6adt, 6afh, 6age, 6ahk, 6alw, 6aot, (6ahp), 6apw, 6avj, 6asv, 6alk, (6ano), 6arb, 6awt, 6bft, 6bfi, 6bgo, 6big, 6bis, 6bqa, 6blw, 6bnu, 6bpt, 6bqe, 6bqr, 6bra, 6bsg, 6bua, 6buh, (6cae), 6cac, 6cby, 6cel, 6ckw, 6cmu, 6cnk, 6cgv, 6crx, 6esw, 6ctd, 6cto, (6bdt), 6dj, 6fy, 6gg, 6gt, (6ln), (6jl), (6jp), 6pl, 6pq, 6pz, (6rn), 6rv, (6ti), (6uf), 6yo, (6wt), 6xn, 6yb, (6cog), (7akk), 7av, 7bb, 7fa, 7fd, 7gk, 7gr, (7gv), 7ij, 7io, (7mf), 7mp, 7no, 7ob, 7ok, (7pj), 7qp, 7rn, 7st, 7un, 7oy, 7ajt, (7df), 7iu, Can.—lar, 1dd, 2az, 2bg, 2fo, 3aa, 3co, 3gv, 3hh, 3ly, 3ms, 3ni, 3mv, 3xl, (3yv), 3tb, (4aa), (4au), (4cb), 4er, 4dq, (4fv), (4gh), (4gt), (4hh), 4io, (5as), 5ba, 5bf, (5bz), 5gf, (5hs), (5go). Can.—3afn, (neg), nfv, nkf, nse. Foreign—cb, bx, lb, lie, le. Wl ans all crds repting my sigs.

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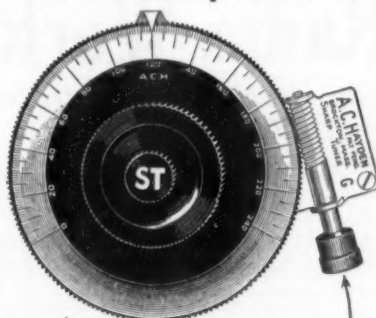
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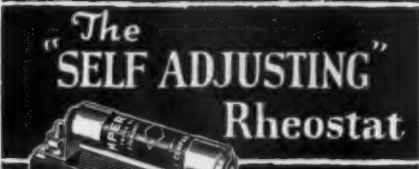
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(5apc), 5apj, 5aqw, 5aqy, 5cn, (5ge), 5jf,  
(5ka), 5lr, 5nl, 5og, (5qh), 5to, 5uk, 5wi,  
5abe, 5arb, 5avj, 5bcl, 5blw, 5bq, 5bql,  
5bur, 5cae, 5cek, 5cgw, 5chl, 5lv, 5ry, 5ur,  
5agt, 5akt, 5bj, 5gb, 5tp, 5tc, 5st, 5tt,  
(5aad), 5aal, 5aau, (5ach), 5acq, (5agl),  
5agz, 5alb, 5amb, (5amx), (5aog), (5asa),  
5ato, (5atn), 5aus, 5ayv, (5az), 5azz, 5baz,  
5bcb, (5bcl), (5bdu), (5biq), (5big),  
(5bm), (5bmy), 5bnu, (5bob), (5bph),  
5bpt, (5bsz), (5btv), (5buk), (5bvn), 5bwf,  
(5bwx), 9caa, (9ccf), (9ccj), 9cco, 9ccs,  
9ccw, 9cdz, (9cdv), 9cee, 9cfl, (9cgr), 9che,  
9clp, (9clz), 9co, 9cro, 9csa, 9ctr, 9czm,  
(9dap), 9det, 9del, (9dfq), 9dga, (9djd),  
9dlh, (9dlc), 9dlw, (9dng), (9duj), (9dww),  
9dxn, 9dxr, (9dxy), 9dym, 9dyt, (9dzg),  
(9ebh), 9ebv, 9ejl, 9elb, 9ell, (9ell), 9gs,  
9ny, 9pg, 9uc, (9vm), (9xb), (9ze), (9zy).  
Can.—(1el), (2bg), (2be), 2cg, (3ad),  
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5ec, 5et, 5ej, 5ew, 5gu, 5ll, 5lm, 5ox, 5pm,  
5qw, 5se, 5vv, 5wk, 5xa, 6's, 7ahs, 7ald,  
7ar, 7va, 7ob, 8afz, 8apj, 8apu, 8axf, 8bjt,  
8cal, 8dal, 8del, 8dzd, qra?, 8rj, 9aen, 9bdq,  
9bdw, 9beb, 9bec, 9bjf, 9bjl, 9bkc, 9ble,  
9boj, 9cec, 9cer, 9cro, 9dbf, 9ded, 9dhw,  
9djn, 9dlj, 9dlq, 9dnn, 9eam, 9ejn, qra?,  
9fj.  
Fone—5mf, 6cif.  
I. C. W.—ndf, 9dsd.  
Spark—nlv, njx, har.  
All crds answered.

By D. Cason Mast, Bixbee, Ariz.

4lo, 5ak, 5ew, 5fc, 5lh, 5pn, 5qh, 5ajj,  
5apm, 5ada, 6ih, 6ja, 6rn, 6tl, 6aak, 6afh,  
6aja, 6ajh, 6ajl, 6ano, 6aqa, 6avj, 6beh,  
6bbq, 6bfl, 6bkb, 6brf, 6bsg, 6btp, 6bts,  
6cek, 6cgw, 6cig, 6cnf, 6crx, 6css, 6ctl, 6cto,  
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5aw, (5ce), 5ez, 5ek, 5fs, 5ka, 5kg, 5ll, 5lp,  
5mz, 5nj, 5oq, 5qh, 5ql, 5ru, 5uk, 5yd, 5xa,  
5aaq, 5aef, 5afs, 5aga, (5agv), 5ame, 5apy,  
5are, 6gt, 6jl, 6hs, 6pl, 6of, 6rn, 6ry, 6wt,  
6adt, 6ahp, 6alu, 6avj, 6awt, 6atr, 6bbq,  
6bkd, 6blw, 6bm, 6buh, 6buy, 6bw, 6cae,  
6cef, 6cgw, 6cqe, 6crx, 6xad, 7gr, 7lj, 7qc,  
7sf, 9es, 9fj, 9mq, 9ny, 9rc, 9wo, 9zd, (9ze),  
9zk, (9aad), 9abc, 9age, 9agz, 9ahy, 9alo,  
9aks, 9att, 9ayl, 9bbj, 9bec, 9bdu, 9blu,  
9bjr, 9bmc, 9bsz, 9bxg, 9caj, 9cap, 9cbc,  
9ebi, (9cca), 9egr, 9edv, 9cfl, (9che), 9cnb,  
9ckm, 9ctg, 9dac, 9dau, 9dlc, 9dno, 9dmj,  
9dpc, 9dp, 9dsu, 9dzr, 9duo, 9eac, 9eas,  
9ebq, 9eev, 9efy, (9elb), 9ell.  
Can.—lar, 1dd, 2be, 2mv, 3dz, 3ly, 3om,  
3vh, 4cr, 4dy, 4lo, 4hh, 5cn, 5go.  
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nkf, poz, uft, zm, 52a.

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1apc, 1ar, 1are, 1arf, 1awe, (1aww), 1bbx,  
1blf, 1bfg, 1bgt, 1bhm, (1bip), (1blz), 1bgq,  
1bqk, 1bv, 1bvl, 1ccx, (1cdn), 1cfj, (1cl), 1cln,  
(1ckp), 1cpn, 1cpv, 1dd, 1gv, (1mo), (1my),  
(1sf), 1te, 1vu, 1wl, 1xau, (1xw), (1xz),  
1yb, (3aak), (3adp), 3adt, (3aek), (3agf),  
(3ahp), (3ahr), (3ais), (3ari), 3avk, 3bay,  
(3bde), (3bfe), 3bli, 3bfe, (3bfp), (3bsb),  
3bta, (3btu), 3bva, 3bvu, 3cee, (3chg),  
3chs, 3du, 3fc, (3fs), (3hs), 3lg, (3lr),  
(3oq), 3qv, 3rs, 3wl, 4af, (4al), 4cl, 4dl,  
(4fg), (4fs), 4fq, 4hl, (4io), 4js, 4ku, 4ls.



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## ELECTRIC FILTERS

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pass filter, and its action may be analyzed in the same way as that of the low. It is seen that the series and the shunt elements are the reverse of the low pass filter. The series section is a capacity which has very low reactance at high frequencies and very high reactance at low frequencies. Hence it lets through the high frequencies and tends to suppress the low frequencies. The opposite behavior of the shunt inductance  $L$  assists this filtering action. The shunt inductance  $L$  offers very low reactance to the low frequencies, hence it short circuits the low frequencies, thereby preventing them from passing to the load. On the other hand, due to its high reactance at high frequencies, it does not accept the high, which must therefore pass on to the load. Here again the exact frequency at which the high frequencies begin to be admitted depends upon the value of  $L$  and  $C$ , and by properly proportioning them the filter may be made to pass currents from any assigned frequencies up to infinity.

Two of the very simplest types of filter circuits which form the basis of the band pass and exclusion band filters are the series resonant circuit and the parallel resonant circuit, both very well known to the radio amateur and broadcast listener. The series circuit of Fig. 11(a), used as the tuned circuits of almost every type of receiving set, has a resonance curve or transmission characteristic as shown in Fig. 11(b). From this curve it will be seen that maximum transmission occurs at the frequency  $f_0$ , to which the circuit is tuned, and that only a limited range of frequencies between  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are transmitted. In other words, the series resonant circuit behaves like a simple band pass filter.

The more sharply it is tuned the narrower the band of frequencies which it passes and the limit is reached when it passes only the frequency to which it is tuned, which is the condition aimed for in the tuning of radio sets.

The parallel resonant circuit of Fig. 12(a), on the other hand, performs in an inverse fashion. Its transmission characteristic may be drawn as in Fig.

12(b), from which it is seen that it transmits least at the frequency to which it is tuned, and transmits very little within a narrow band of frequencies between  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ . Outside of these limits it passes all frequencies very well. Thus a parallel resonant circuit may be regarded as a simple exclusion band filter. The more sharply it is tuned the narrower the band of frequencies which it excludes. The reader may now recognize that the parallel wave trap used to reduce interference does so by virtue of the fact that it functions as an exclusion band filter, and excludes those frequencies which create the interference.

In the foregoing we have considered qualitatively the behavior of some of the simpler types of filter circuits. The performance of these filters may also be derived graphically from a consideration of the reactance characteristics of the series and shunt elements making up the filter. In the following we will denote the reactance of the shunt section of the filter by  $X_1$ , and the reactance of the series section by  $X_2$ .

The performance of a filter depends upon the values of the series and shunt reactances. These values determine the so-called "cut-off points"; that is, they determine the frequency at which the filter begins to pass currents and exclude currents. These cut-off points are really

the boundaries of the band of frequencies which the filter passes. Thus, take the case of the low pass filter whose characteristic is shown in Fig. 1. The range of frequencies which is admitted by the filter is bounded by the frequency zero and  $f_1$ . These two frequencies are the cut-off points of this filter, and these cut-off frequencies are determined by the reactance values of the shunt and series elements of the filter. Likewise in the case of the band pass filter whose characteristic is shown in Fig. 3, the cut off frequencies are  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , since these frequencies bound the band which is admitted by the filter.

Out of the complex mathematics involved in the study of filters we may take two very simple formulas which tell us what the cut-off frequencies of any particular filter are. A filter will have one cut-off point at that frequency  $f_1$  which makes the series reactance  $X_2$  equal to zero. It will have another cut-off point at that frequency which makes

$\frac{X_1}{X_2}$  equal to  $-4$ . These two conditions

may be set down thus: If

$X_2 = 0$  at a frequency  $f_1$ , and

$\frac{X_2}{X_1} = -4$  at a frequency  $f_2$

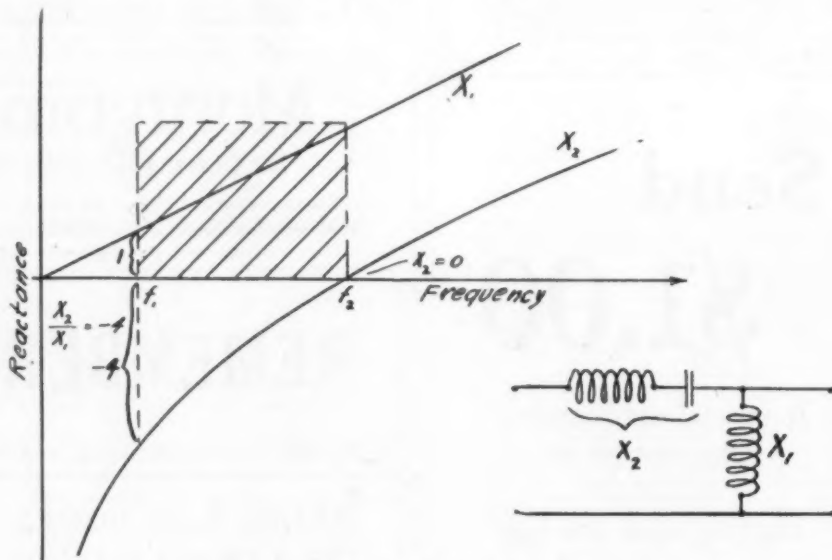


Fig. 15. Band Pass Filter

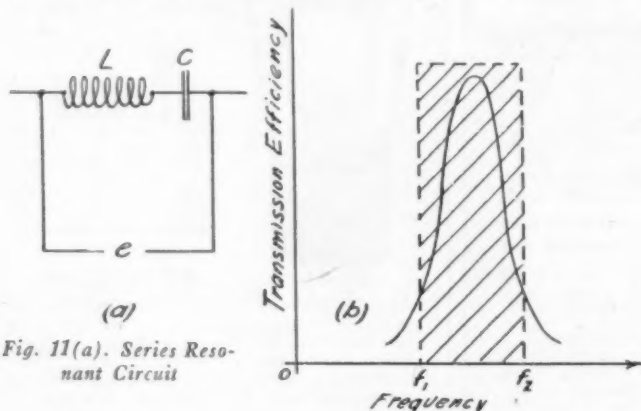


Fig. 11(a). Series Resonant Circuit

Fig. 11(b). Transmission Characteristic

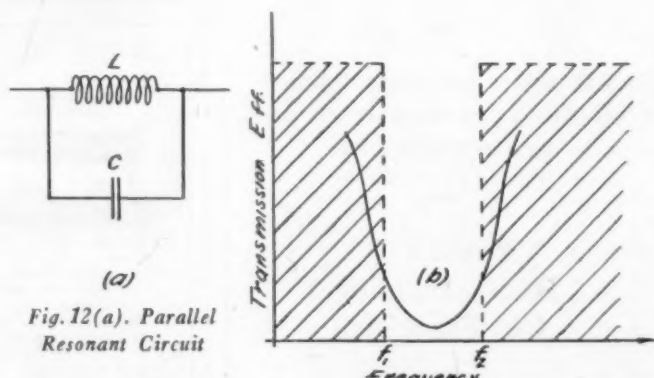


Fig. 12(a). Parallel Resonant Circuit

Fig. 12(b). Range of Frequency Excluded



then the filter will pass all currents having frequencies between  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , and will exclude those currents outside this range.

Knowing these two conditions we can determine graphically what any filter will do from the reactance curves of the series and shunt elements of the filter. Let us take the filter circuit of Fig. 9 as our first example. If we draw the reactance curves of the series and shunt elements on the same plotting paper and scale they will appear as in Fig. 13,

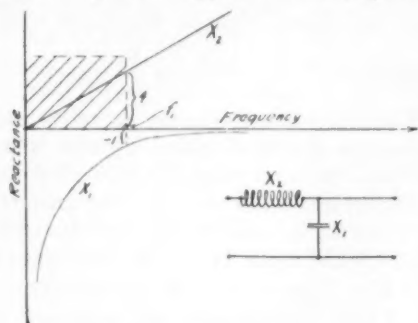


Fig. 13. Low Pass Filter

where the straight line  $X_2$  represents the series inductance, and the curved line  $X_1$  represents the shunt condenser. From the curve we see that  $X_2$  equals zero at zero frequency. Hence, according to the conditions given above, zero frequency is one cut-off point of this particular filter. At point  $f_1$  it will be seen that  $X_2$  is equal to  $-4X_1$ , or  $\frac{X_2}{X_1}$  equals  $-4$ . Hence  $f$  must be the other cut-off point of this filter. Therefore the filter of the type shown in Fig. 9 will pass all currents from zero frequency to  $f_1$ , and will exclude all frequencies above it. In other words, it is a low pass filter, passing all the frequencies below  $f_1$ .

Suppose now that we consider another type of filter, as in Fig. 10, where a condenser is a series element and an inductance is a shunt element. Here, too, we can determine what this filter will do by a simple consideration of its reactance characteristics. In Fig. 14 we

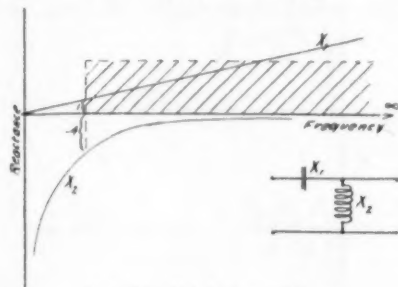
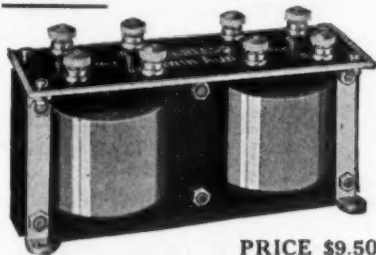


Fig. 14. High Pass Filter

have drawn the reactance curve of the shunt inductance,  $X_1$  and that of the series condenser  $X_2$ . From this curve we see that the reactance of the series condenser  $X_2$  is zero at infinite frequency. Therefore infinite frequency must be one cut-off point of this filter, according to the conditions outlined above. Also at point  $f_1$  the value of  $X_2$  is  $-4X_1$ , or

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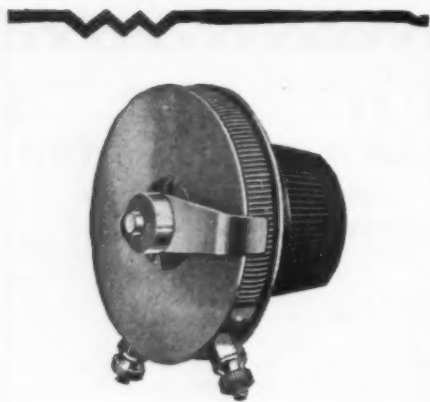
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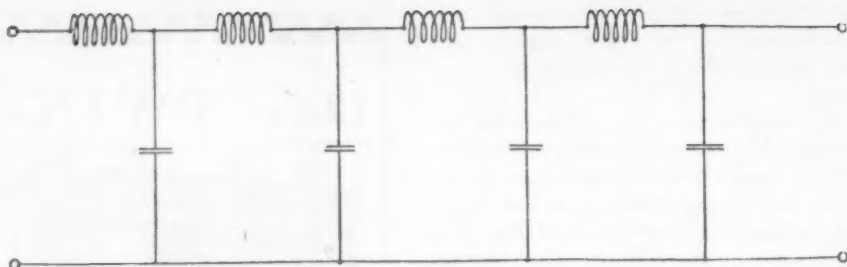


Fig. 16. Low Pass Filter of Four Sections

$\frac{X_2}{X_1}$  equals  $-4$ . Hence this point  $f_1$  must be another cut-off point of this particular filter. That is, the filter shown in Fig. 10 will pass all currents having frequencies above  $f_1$ , and will not pass any below  $f_1$ . Thus it must be a high pass filter.

Let us consider a more complicated filter such as that shown in Fig. 15, in which the shunt element is an inductance, but the series element consists of a coil and condenser in series. The reactance of the shunt inductance is a straight line as before, and is so shown in Fig. 15. The reactance of the series element (coil and condenser in series) is the sum of the two curves shown in Fig. 13, and appears as  $X_2$  in Fig. 15. From this figure we see that the series element  $X_2$

becomes equal to zero at a frequency  $f_2$ . Therefore this must be a cut-off point of this filter. Also at frequency  $f_1$  the value of  $X_2$  is  $-4X_1$ , or  $\frac{X_2}{X_1}$  equals  $-4$ .

Therefore this frequency  $f_1$  must likewise be a cut-off point of this filter. Hence the filter shown in Fig. 15 passes all currents within the band of frequencies between  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , but excludes those outside the band. Hence the filter shown in Fig. 15 must be a band pass filter.

These illustrations are sufficient to show how the performance of a filter may be qualitatively understood from a consideration of the reactance characteristics of the filter circuit. In our discussion we have considered each filter to be made up of only one section, that is,

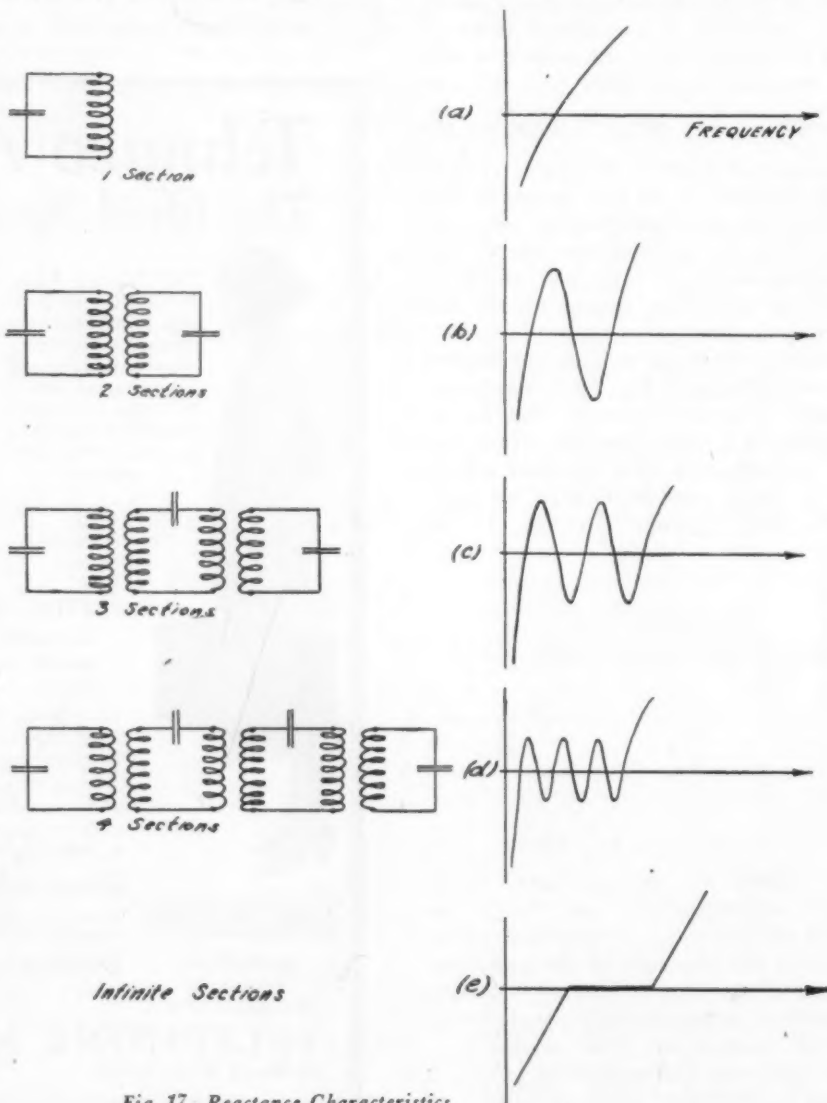


Fig. 17. Reactance Characteristics



one series element and one shunt element. However, the filtering action improves as the number of sections is increased. Thus in Fig. 16 we have a low pass filter of four sections. In the first section the high frequencies are shunted by the condenser and are not permitted to pass through the inductance on account of its high reactance at high frequencies. Thus only the low frequencies are passed. However, owing to the imperfections of existing coils and condensers some of the high frequencies will pass by the first section. If another section is added the second shunt condenser will shunt most of the high frequencies which managed to get through the first section, and the second inductance will tend to stop any high frequencies flowing through it. Thus there will be still less of the high frequencies at the end of the second section. In the same way succeeding sections continue to weed out more and more of the high frequencies, at the same time letting through the low frequencies. Thus the more sections added the better.

This may likewise be shown graphically by considering the reactance curve again. A single tuned circuit is a filter. Its reactance at the resonant frequency

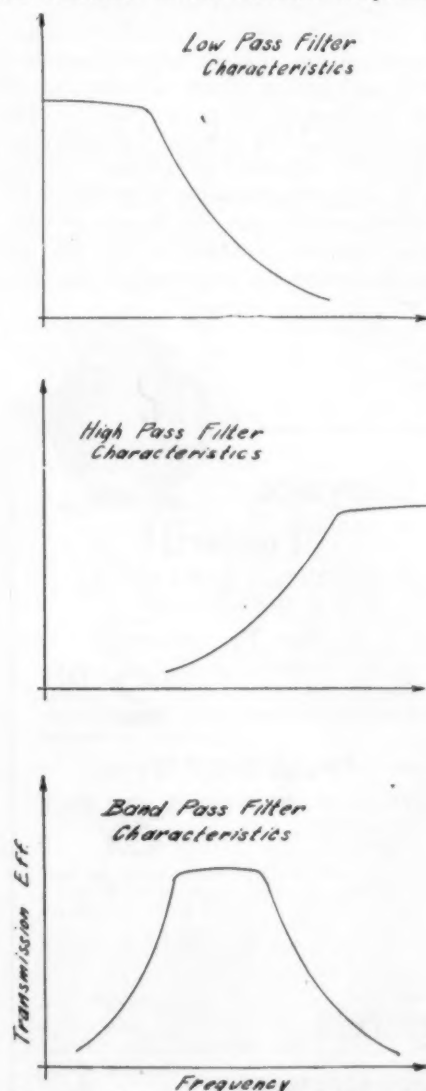
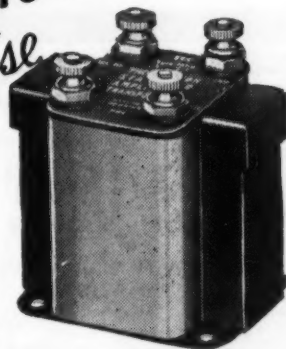


Fig. 18. Characteristics of Low Pass, High Pass, and Band Pass Filters

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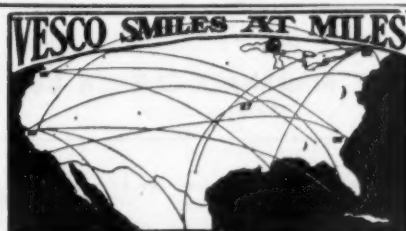


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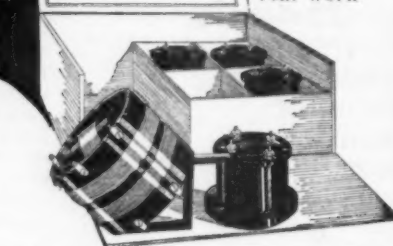
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In conclusion it should be stated that actual filters do not give such sharp cut-off points as shown in these curves. These sharp cut-offs are given by ideal filters. Actual filters give cut-offs more like those shown in Fig. 18, which are rounded due to the resistance of the coils and condensers which make up the filter.

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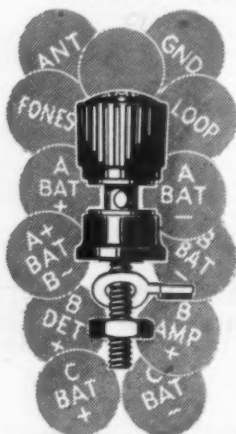
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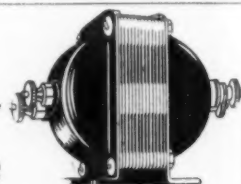
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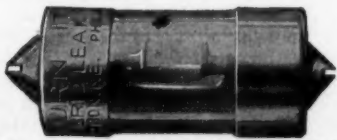
  

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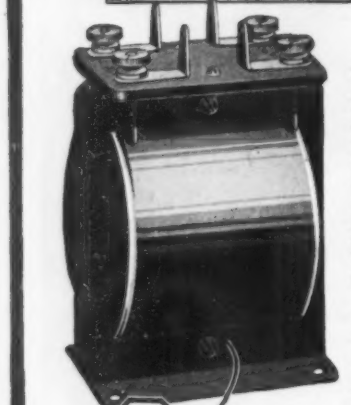
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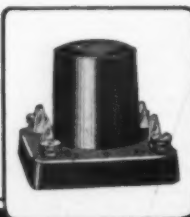
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## HAMS I HAVE VISITED

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pocket, so he brought a barrel, and yours truly has got some dandys himself Hi. He had some trouble with the Radio Inspector and therefore will not be on the air until this fall, and in the meantime he is rebuilding and expects to give 'em all a run for their money. He is installing a 250-watt tube and will have 3 ops always on the job.

Leaving Parkersburg, I thought I would like to visit a few S's, so went down to Bristol, Tenn., and expected to see 5AGO, but was told he was out of town and therefore had to get out, as he was the only one in that town.

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After riding around in 5RE's flivver (they all happen to be flivvers Hi) I left for Nashville, where I thought I would strike some better luck, but it seemed that the first ham I called on, 5AAM, had a call but no station, so went over to 5FV, who is using an "E" tube as a master oscillator for a 50-watt tube. His motor generator delivers 1,000 volts which feed the hungry plate and sticks 4 amps into the old hot wire meter. His receiver is the berries, tuning as low as 40 meters pulling in foreign stations with ease. His best DX for the winter month was working all districts in one evening, as well as being heard by WNP.

Left Nashville and started for Jackson, Tenn., but couldn't find anyone interested in the transmitting end of it, so beat it right out and got into Memphis, which is supposed to be a ham's paradise. Visited most of the gang, who tried to persuade me to stay over for their big convention, but couldn't very well do it as my funds were getting low, so started for home but stopped in to see 3TX in Corinth, Miss., who is doing some good Dx on three 5-watters. He is about the only ham in that town who really handles traffic and as he is a dentist he has his hands full between pulling teeth and pounding brass. He is shortly leaving for a month's vacation and will take along a portable transmitter and receiver with him.

Leaving Corinth I arrived at Savannah, where I intended to see some hams but couldn't get the chance, as I had passage on the S. S. Birmingham bound for New York and my time was limited. But as soon as I boarded the ship I went up to the radio shack and found an old timer pounding away at the old familiar Marconies 2 KW spark. His call is 2CPX when at home and he sure did chew the fat for a long time. Letting me listen to the static about 100 miles out convinced me there's no place like home and stick to my little shack in the north and not do any complaining after this.

Well, to sum up the entire trip, it was not half as bad as I thought it would be, as the hams treated me nicely and I want to take this opportunity to thank them again for all courtesies extended. Will take another trip shortly (as soon as I rob some bank Hi), this time through the 6th and 7th districts and will let the boys know all about it.—3 BVA, York, Pa. Transmitted at 8 BFE.





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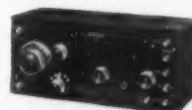
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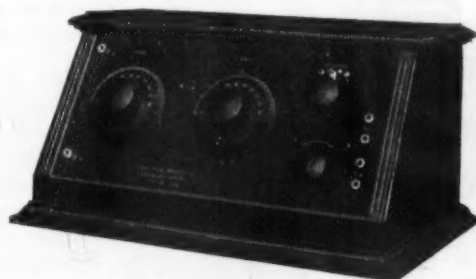
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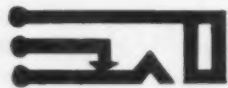
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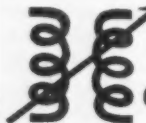
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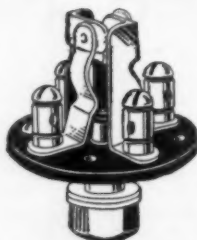
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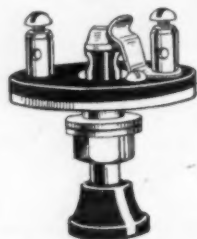
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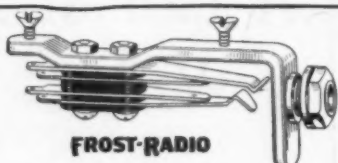
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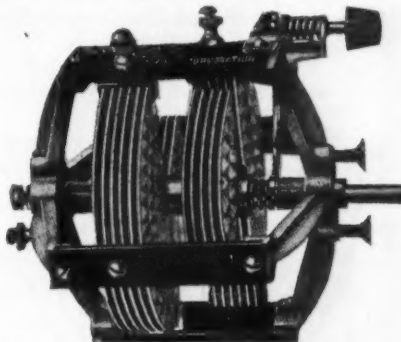
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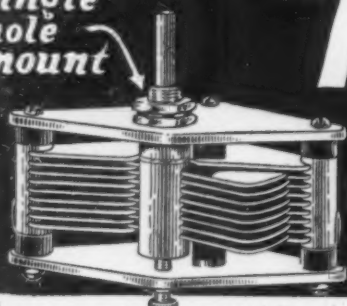
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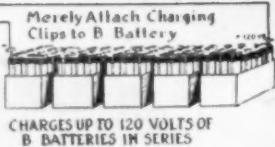
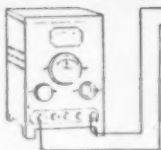
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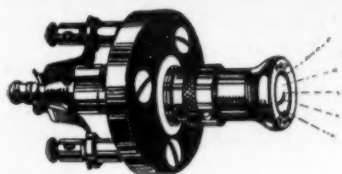
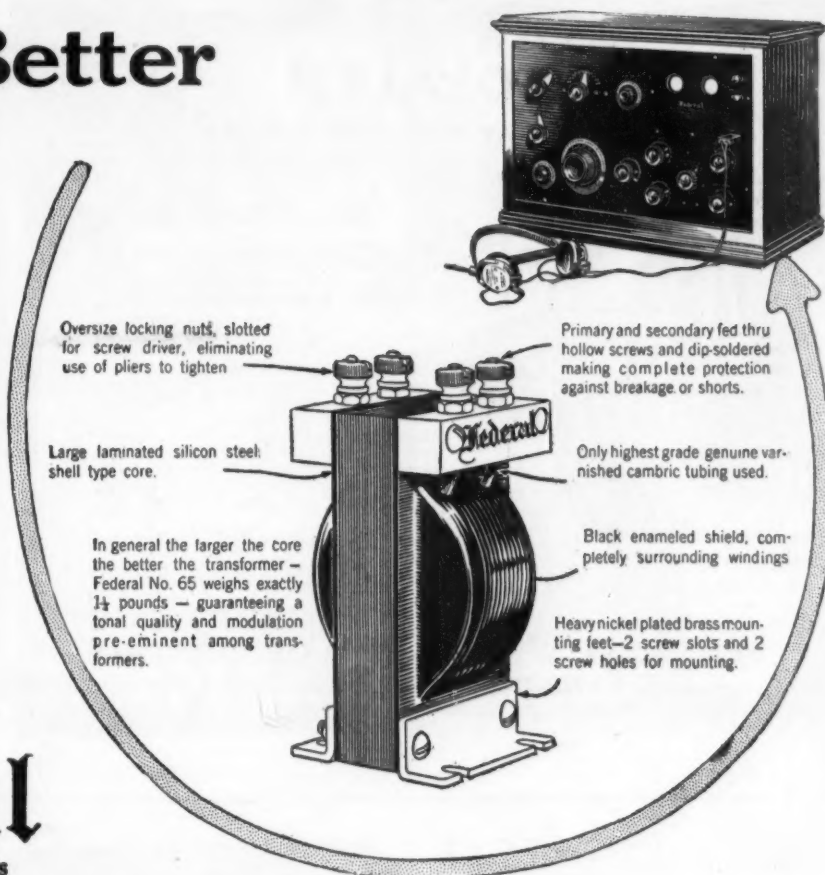
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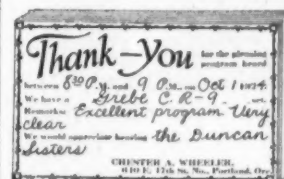
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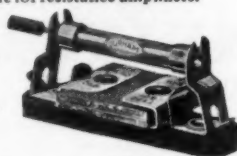
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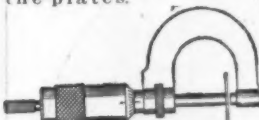
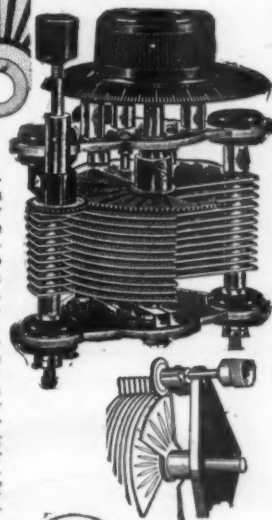
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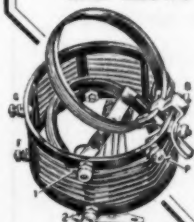
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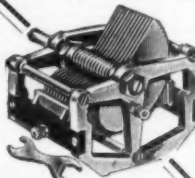
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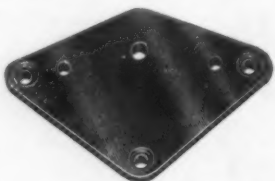
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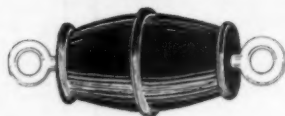
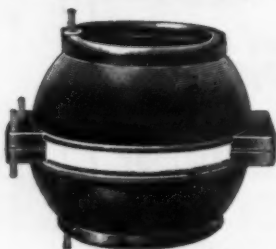
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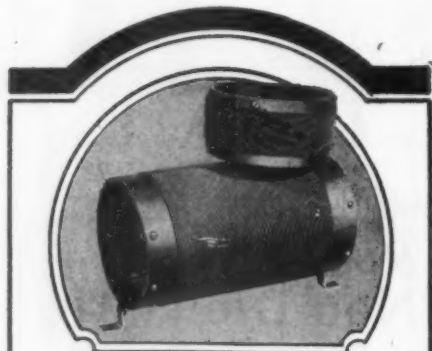
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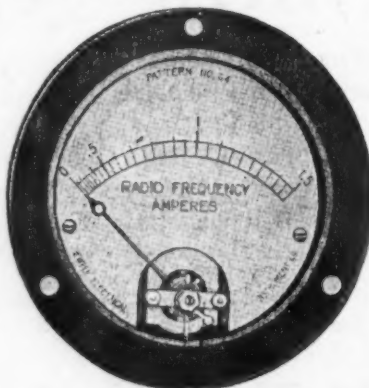
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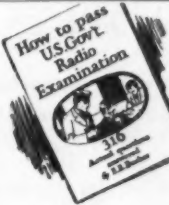
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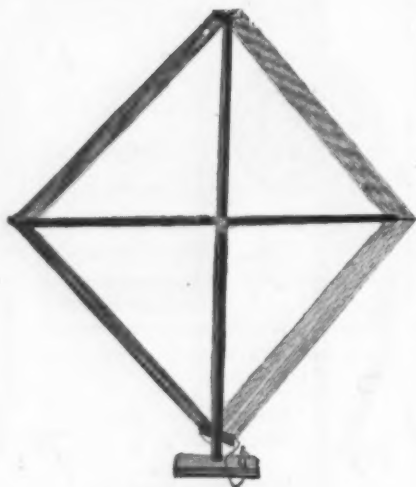
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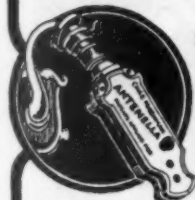
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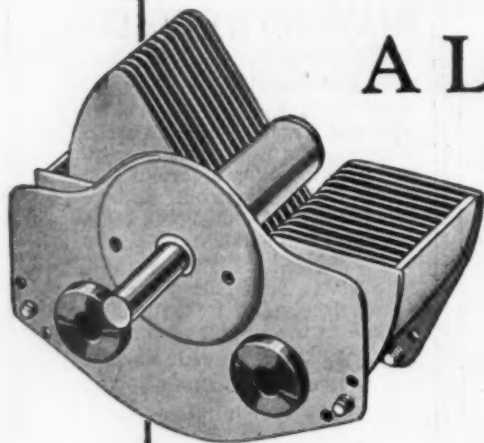
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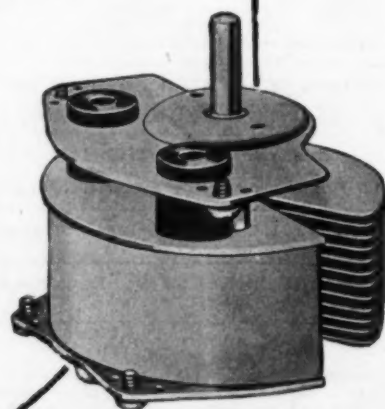
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The Bradleydenser has no vernier plates. The shaft is  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. to fit any standard dial.

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OCCASIONALLY some owner of a radio instrument receives from London, England. But did you ever hear of any one receiving Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands? We will gladly give you the names of the writers of the letters reproduced here, as well as send copies of many letters showing how other Ozarka owners have had results from London, England; Cardiff, Wales and Glasgow, Scotland.

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The Ozarka Radio instrument is sold only by trained factory representatives who know every part, every wire of this instrument. Before he can wear the Ozarka gold button he must satisfy our engineers that he is thoroughly capable of delivering trained service.

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The Ozarka representative will gladly set up this Ozarka instrument in your own home on trial. He will not make any claims but will let you operate it and prove to yourself that it absolutely has no equal for volume, tone, distance and ease of operation. This will not obligate you in any way.

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**OZARKA, Inc., 807 Washington Blvd., CHICAGO**

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Gentlemen:—I want you to know that I think I have received the greatest distance possible on my Ozarka—KGU, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.  
A great many friends who have radio instruments of all kinds and bought at all kinds of prices, but no one in this city to my knowledge ever received from such a great distance. To say that I am pleased with my instrument is putting it mild. Yours very truly,  
H. J. R.

Alden Bridge, La.  
Ozarka Incorporated,  
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:—A few nights ago I heard the beautiful Hawaiian Orchestra, direct from Honolulu, territory Hawaiian. When you consider the distance that this is from Alden Bridge, I certainly think it ought to be a record. This music came in beautiful and clear, in fact, it could not have been any better.

Yours very truly,  
W. H. B.



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RADIO offers today an exceptional opportunity for the right kind of a man to build up a permanent, substantial and profitable business of his own. Ozarka factory representatives are today building up very satisfactory incomes for themselves.

In territory which is not now covered there is still an opportunity for a mechanically inclined man who is willing to place himself under our training. We can show such a man how it is possible, to build up a business in his own town, possibly in spare time to start with, but sooner or later will justify giving it all of his time.

We are looking for men who realize that there must be some way of improving their condition. We prefer men who know absolutely nothing about radio, because we can then train them according to our own method.

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The Ozarka Plan will give such a man his first real opportunity to establish himself in a business of his own. Investment of money is small but necessary.

All we must make sure of is that you are determined and willing to put forth the effort. If you will do this just write and say: "Send me your Ozarka Plan Book No. 100." It may be the turning point in your life. Don't fail to mention the name of your county.

Nashville, Tenn.  
May 14, 1924  
Ozarka, Inc.  
Chicago, Ill.  
Gentlemen:—I consider my best night when I successfully connected in with the following stations:  
CKAC-Montreal, KGU-Honolulu, WBAF-Fort Worth, WGN-Chicago, WBZ-Springfield, WOAI-San Antonio, KDKA-Pittsburgh, WCAL-Northfield, Minn., WFAA-Dallas, WGY-Schenectady. On a recent night Station KYW, Chicago gave a special program lasting all night.  
Yours truly,  
O. C.



This Button identifies Ozarka Representative in your city—your assurance of complete radio satisfaction





